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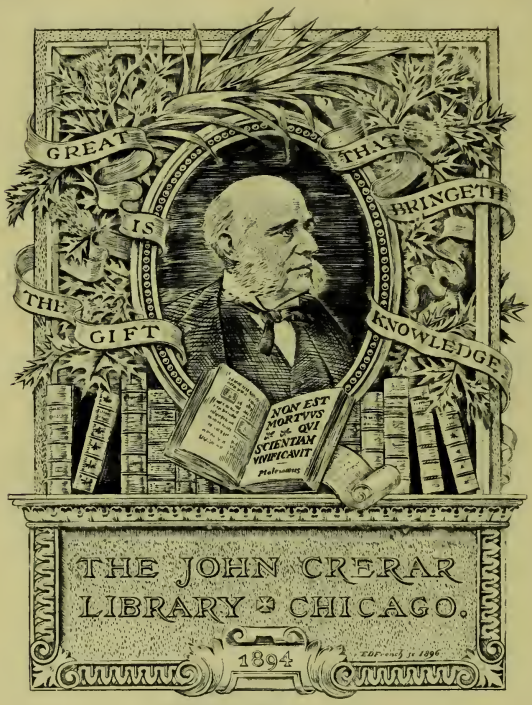

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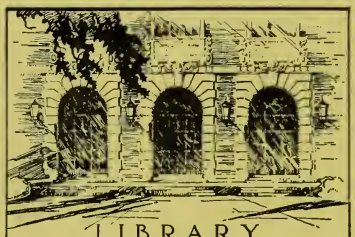

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT,

1905.

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At the meeting of the Library Committee on 29th January, when the Librarian's Report was submitted and adopted, Mr. Harrison, the Chairman, made the following remarks:—

"GENTLEMEN,—I think that you will agree with me that the Report which our Librarian presents to us to-night regarding the work of the Library for the year 1905 is a very interesting document, and that the skill with which the figures are marshalled reflects no little credit on Dr Morrison, and is a convincing proof of his fitness for the position he holds. The statistics are really vital regarding the intellectual life of the city of Edinburgh.

"What strikes me above everything is that the Report proves that the system of Libraries which we have the honour to conduct is thoroughly democratic—that it is used not by a class but by the great body of the people. The figures show this. We have in Edinburgh a population of about 320,000, and according to the calculations given in the Report, nearly three and a half millions of people entered our Libraries during last year, which means that our population—men, women, and children, passed through more than ten times in the year. Of course they come on very different errands. Some to study, coming regularly day

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by day; crowds for books to take away for home reading; still greater crowds to peruse the newspapers; many call to refer to a Directory or Almanac or other book of reference, going away without leaving any record with us of their visit. A great many of the sad class of the unemployed use our Libraries that they may study those columns of the newspapers which are marked 'Situations Vacant'; a section of the community which we do not encourage, and which occasionally gives our Librarians trouble, seek the 'Racing News'; and at the very bottom of the scale there are not a few, poor, cold, hungry, and badly clad who seek shelter especially in the News-room of this Central Library only because the place is warm and bright and cheery. This Institution is thoroughly democratic not only from the numbers which frequent our rooms, but from the varied objects which bring them there.

"And this is true even with regard to the Library work proper. You will notice that during the year nearly a million of books have been taken for reading, 979,604—more than three for every living soul of our population. Better even than this is the fact which the Librarians alone know, that the books are being used by all classes—by learned and unlearned, by rich and poor. If I understand the meaning of the word 'democratic,' this is what it signifies,—the entire body of the people from top to bottom.

"I would refer very briefly to the various departments of our work, and first of all to the Reference Library. Here we have 61,278 volumes, and nearly three hundred readers every day. It is of course a small Reference Library in comparison with the great Consulting Libraries of long standing, but it is valuable beyond its size for two reasons—the books have been very scientifically bought, and all so recently acquired that the percentage of books out of date is very small. I wish to draw attention with pride to the Technical Section, which includes the two classes of 'Useful' and 'Fine Arts,' as good a collection of books in all languages as any Library can boast, and to note with great satisfaction that there have been nearly 15,000 readers of these books during the year. I intend to appeal for a special

grant for this section, from next year's moneys, as the Committee has always made this section the special care of the Chairman.

"Then with regard to the Central Lending Library, I would remind you that with its stock of 52,318 volumes it is much the biggest of any Lending Library established under the Libraries Act. The readers show a daily average of over 1,100, and what pleases me even better than the satisfactory increase in the amount of reading is the improved quality of the books read. If you refer to page 5 of the Report you will see that there has been a marked decrease in the amount of fiction and a most encouraging increase in the higher kinds of literature. The public who really read for information is evidently learning to appreciate the riches of this very remarkable Circulating Library. I should like the public to note the excellent collection of foreign books which we offer them. The better knowledge of Modern Languages seems to me one of the first needs of the present time. The Library contains about 2,000 French, 500 German, and 100 each Italian and Spanish books.

"Before leaving the Central Building, I wish to support my friend Judge Telfer's request for a grant for the purpose of repainting the Reference Library. It is a handsome room, and deserves good treatment.

"Then with regard to the Branch Libraries, our Librarian's Report is on the whole satisfactory. The outstanding feature is the opening of the Morningside Branch, and the quite extraordinary burst of reading which has taken place in it. It looks as if the whole population of the district had been waiting to devour the Library. The Branches show steady increase of readers, with the curious exception of the Stockbridge Branch. How it shows so considerable a decrease is very difficult to say, as to all appearance it is in a healthy condition. As to the accommodation for the Portobello Branch, a Report falls to be considered at to-night's meeting. I have given the subject of the administration of our Branches much thought lately, and it seems to me that the time has come for the Committee to revise the arrangements and compare the working of our Branches with

those of the best administered in the country. We may in this way pick up some hints for our future guidance. I have, along with Dr Morrison, formulated a plan of development which I hope to lay before the Books Committee.

REPORT.

During the year 1905 882,693 volumes were issued for home reading from the Central and Branch Libraries, as against 861,328 for 1904. The numbers for the various Libraries are as follows :—

Central - - - -	345,670
West Branch - - - -	140,793
Portobello Branch - - -	65,126
North Branch - - - -	111,796
East Branch - - - -	193,620
Morningside Branch - - -	25,688
Total - -	882,693

In addition 96,911 works were consulted in the Reference Department, making a grand total for the year of 979,604.

The total aggregate for both departments of the Central Library, and the Branches from the date of their opening to 31st December 1905, was as follows :—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	1,352,657
Lending - - - -	7,630,068
West Branch - - - -	1,125,704
Portobello Branch - - -	566,187
North Branch - - - -	619,969
East Branch - - - -	384,499
Morningside Branch - - -	25,688
Total - -	11,704,772

On page 22 interesting tables are given, showing the total number of books in each class given out for home reading from the Central Lending and Branch Libraries. The figures are given for 1904 and 1905 for the sake of comparison. The totals, as already stated, were 861,328 and 882,693 respectively, showing

an increase of 21,365. There are striking decreases in the reading of Fiction in the Central, the West, North, and Portobello Branches, but in almost all the other classes there are increases everywhere. The largest increase is in the class of what we term General Literature. It is curious to note that in the statistics of the works issued from the press in Great Britain during 1905 the greatest increase was in this class. The increase in Religion is 1,246; Philosophy, 1,531; Sociology, 1,880; Poetry, 1,553; and particularly gratifying is the increase in books in Science and Art, to the number of 2,940.

On two previous occasions the number of people frequenting the Library on stated days during the year was counted, in order to get an idea of the number going in and out in the course of the year. Since the opening of the first Branch this has not been attempted, but in the week commencing 11th December last count was taken of all the persons entering the Central Library and Branches. The method adopted was to take the Central Library on a Monday, the East Branch on a Saturday—these being reckoned the two best days of the week; while for the other Branches the numbers were for the intervening days—days which are regarded as much below the average. It was hoped that in this way we might arrive at a fair average attendance. The result was as follows:—The number of people who entered the Central Library was 4,120; Morningside Library, 1,423; Portobello Library, 443; West Branch, 2,020; North Branch, 1,700; East Branch, 3,040—making a total of 12,746. The week in which the numbers were taken happened to be a somewhat unfavourable week for the time of the year, but judging by the number of books issued in the same week it was about the general average. Multiplying the attendance by the number of days open would give for a year a total of 3,900,276, but it must be borne in mind that Morningside Library was only opened in November. Leaving Morningside out altogether, the totals for the year would be 3,464,838. It may be interesting to the Committee to learn that the greatest attendance in all the Libraries, excepting Portobello, was from 7 to 8 P.M. In Portobello the greatest attendance was between 6 and 7 P.M. The smallest attendance was in Portobello, and it happened between the hours of 12 and 1 P.M. In all the other Libraries the smallest attendance was from 9 to 10 P.M. The number of people enter-

ing the Central Library from 9 to 10 P.M. was only 40, while in the East Branch 100 persons entered, and in the North Branch 80; 40 persons entered the West Branch during the last hour of its being open.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The stock of books in this Department at 31st December 1905 was 61,278. During the year 1,575 volumes were added. These included a number transferred from the Lending Library when the new catalogue was being revised. 1904 was a record year in the history of the Reference Library, and this year has not come up to it in the number of books consulted, so far as figures go. The attendance was quite as satisfactory, and quite as large as during last year, or any of the previous years, but an additional number of books has been every year made available to the public for consultation, without readers being put to the trouble of filling up application forms. The decrease has not brought the circulation any lower than the figures of 1903.

One feature of the reading is that the classes containing Useful Arts and Fine Arts have not kept up to their previous high level. A number of expensive books has been added to these classes, but a number of popular books and technical works fall frequently out of date and new editions are required. The grant from the Edinburgh Exhibition of 1886 was exhausted before any books for 1905 were purchased, and although the Library Committee set aside £100 to be spent on the Technical Section, it is to be remarked that that sum will not go far in the buying of expensive books and also of ordinary technical works.

The principal gift of the year was the Trinity Hospital Library, which the Magistrates and Council, as Governors of the Hospital, presented last summer. The majority of the books were in very poor condition and imperfect, and very much soiled. Many were duplicates, such as Bibles, Hymn-books, and Psalm-books. The books were carefully examined, and those of any value whatever, even though imperfect, were retained. The numbers so treated were reported on from time to time at the monthly meetings of the Committee.

Another important donation of 116 volumes was received from Mr J. R. Findlay. A list of the donors for the year is given at the end of this Report.

The condition of the painting and decoration of the Reference Library requires consideration in the coming year, and one of the most important items requiring attention is the card catalogue. The present cabinet and the cards used were adopted in imitation of those in use so far back as 1890 in some of the London Libraries. These Libraries have discontinued using cards of this shape, and have adopted a cabinet which the experience of Librarians both in this country and in America has proved to be the most useful. The cards of this cabinet are larger and make consultation very much easier.

A very important improvement was effected in one of the alcoves of the Reference Department, in connection with the placing of a number of magazines on a reading table. The book presses in that alcove were fitted with copper-net doors, and what has been done here has proved so useful that I beg to recommend the extension of it whenever opportunity offers.

For details of books consulted, &c., see pages 12 and 15.

LENDING LIBRARIES.

CENTRAL.

The Central Lending Library was open for 306 days as against 309 in 1904. The stock at 31st December 1904 was 56,679. During the revisal of the general catalogue 5,235 volumes were withdrawn from the Lending Department. Of these upwards of 1,000 are out of print, and being worn out and soiled are placed on shelves in our storeroom. The others were transferred to the Reference Department. 874 new volumes were added during the year. The stock stood at 31st December at 52,318 volumes.

The circulation of books for home reading from the Central Library underwent a remarkable change during the year. The total circulation was 345,670, against 341,487 for the previous year. In the department headed Fiction there was a decrease of 9,621. Although this large decrease took place, there is an increase on the total circulation of 4,183. The most marked is an increase of 5,144 in the department of General Literature. This department consists of Essays, Reviews, and Miscellaneous

Works. In Religion there is an increase of 1,158; Philosophy, 1,353; Sociology, 1,619; Science and Art, 2,358; Poetry, 1,433; and in the section for Juveniles an increase of 1,160.

The percentage of Fiction issued last year was 68 per cent. This year it is only slightly over 64 per cent. The highest daily average circulation for last year was in the month of February, when it reached an average of 1,395 volumes per day. The lowest was in the month of June, when it was only 879. 3,428 volumes were withdrawn from circulation during the year on account of being worn-out, damaged, or soiled. 3,290 volumes, costing £541. 17s., were purchased for replacing those withdrawn, the difference being made up from books in the storeroom.

The sale of the catalogue during the first part of the year was satisfactory, but it has been slower during the last three months. The sale can now hardly come up to the sum estimated for the current financial year.

The details of the statistics of this department will be found on pages 12 and 16.

NEWSROOM.

The Newsroom during the year continued to be as well patronised as ever. The removal of several of the magazines to one of the alcoves of the Reference Department has given much satisfaction, and has contributed to more extended perusal of the better class of magazines.

WEST BRANCH.

The stock of this Library was increased by 536 volumes during 1905. The condition of many of the books in this Branch gave much concern, and required careful attention during the year. No fewer than 744 volumes had to be withdrawn from circulation on account of their condition; 703 volumes replaced those withdrawn, leaving 41 volumes to be added to the number already out of print, making the total number out of print at 31st December 111; 671 volumes were purchased for replacing others, costing £106. 1s. 4d., and 32 volumes were provided from the Central Library store. The circulation of books in this Branch for the year was satisfactory. Although there is a decrease of 2,273 in the circulation of novels, there is over all an increase of 1,811. There is an increase of over

3,000 in the department for Juveniles, but the most satisfactory increase is one of 743 in the department of Science and Art. The total circulation for 1905 was 140,793, as against 138,982 for 1904. Details will be found on pages 13 and 17.

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

The stock of this Branch was increased by 305 volumes during the year, and a considerable number of soiled and worn-out books were replaced by fresh copies. The circulation shows a decrease of 1,240, which is more than accounted for by the Library having been closed for the last week in July and the first week in August for cleaning purposes. The decrease in the circulation of novels is 1,490, but there are increases in Science and Art and in the class for Juveniles.

The accommodation in this Branch has been under the consideration of a Sub-Committee, who are to report upon the matter.

Details will be found on pages 13 and 18.

NORTH BRANCH.

Compared with the previous year the circulation of this Branch shows a decrease of no less than 11,818, the decrease in fiction being 8,863. There are decreases of 513 in History, 884 in General Literature, and 1,104 in books for Juveniles. The decreases in the other classes are trifling, and the only increase is in the class of Philosophy. It is not easy to explain this decrease in home reading from this Branch, when 957 readers' tickets were issued as against 918 for the year previous, and 289 Juveniles' Catalogues were sold as against 271 for 1904, and 657 Supplementary Catalogues as against 401 for 1904. There were in addition 76 General and 397 Supplementary Catalogues of 1904 sold. Details will be found on pages 13 and 19.

EAST BRANCH.

This Branch has not only kept up its high rate of circulation but has gone beyond that of the previous year by 2,741. There is an increase in the circulation of novels to the extent of 17,606, while in the section for Juveniles there is a decrease of 13,699. There is a decrease of 796 in the class of Science and Art which

contains books of a technical character, of 648 in the class of History, Biography, and Travel, and of 262 in the class of Sociology which contains books on Politics, Law, and Commerce.

The total turnover of the stock for the year was 15½ times. The number of books requiring to be replaced is increasing, although on the whole the books have been fairly handled by the readers. Details will be found on pages 14 and 20.

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

As far back as September 1894, a special Sub-Committee on Branches was appointed, consisting of Sir Thomas Clark, Bart., Professor Masson, Bailie Dunlop, Councillor John Cubie, Mr John Harrison, Mr George Mackay, and Mr John Wilson. Mr Harrison was appointed Convener, and the Committee gave in a report, indicating the three large districts of the city where increased Library accommodation was necessary. In these districts, in co-operation with the Nelson Trust, Branch Libraries have been established. The Committee, at the time of their report, stated that the other out-lying districts of the city appeared to them not to contain that weight of population which alone justified the establishment of Branch Libraries.

In 1897 accommodation was offered by the Town Council for a Branch Library in Portobello, where work has been carried on since. Three years ago representations were made by the inhabitants of the district of Morningside in favour of a Branch Library for that part of the town. A suitable site was procured, and a building commenced nearly two years ago. This building was opened by Mr John Harrison, Chairman of the Library Committee, on 9th November last. The attendance on the occasion was very representative of the district, and from that day this Branch has been most successful, as the statistics regarding it show. The Committee considered that for the population of Morningside a stock of about 6,000 volumes would be sufficient, and the Library was opened with a stock of 6,290, to which a few books have been added since. The circulation has been of the most extraordinary character. The whole stock has been in seven weeks turned over 3¾ times—a record only approached by the West Branch Library some years ago.

The Newsroom in connection with this Branch has been so much frequented that it became necessary to add to the periodi-

cals which were placed on the tables when the Library was opened.

Details will be found on pages 14 and 21.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

The work done by the Society for Teaching the Blind to Read at their own Homes in circulating books and magazines was greater than in any former year. The Committee supplied the Society with about twenty new works and fifty parts of *Dawn*. In addition, three monthly magazines—*Recreation*, *Progress*, and *Hora Jucunda*, and six copies of the *Braille Weekly*, price one penny—were supplied. The circulation for the year was a total of 4,241 volumes, being 1,915 in Moon type, 1,443 in Braille type, and 883 volumes of magazines.

READERS.

The number of readers to whom tickets were issued since 1st January 1900 is 85,076. Of these 5,812 handed in their tickets to be cancelled, leaving on the roll at present 79,264. The following table shows the number of readers from each Ward in the city :—

No.	Ward.	Electors.	Non-Electors.	Total 1905.	Total 1904.
1	Calton - - -	1,582	7,337	8,919	7,898
2	Canongate - -	960	3,337	4,297	3,664
3	Newington - -	1,048	3,378	4,426	3,833
4	Morningside - -	1,774	6,184	7,958	5,345
5	Merchiston - -	1,605	5,255	6,860	4,872
6	Gorgie - - -	888	2,637	3,525	2,956
7	Haymarket - -	435	1,599	2,034	1,793
8	St Bernard's - -	1,075	3,731	4,806	4,181
9	Broughton - -	949	4,751	5,700	4,914
10	St Stephen's - -	1,460	5,262	6,722	5,985
11	St Andrew's - -	833	3,202	4,035	3,579
12	St Giles - - -	951	3,917	4,868	4,162
13	Dalry - - -	1,369	5,077	6,446	5,691
14	George Square - -	1,000	4,118	5,118	4,229
15	St Leonard's - -	960	3,827	4,787	4,041
16	Portobello - -	889	3,686	4,575	3,973
	Total - -	17,778	67,298	85,076	71,116

CENTRAL—BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1904, the number added and the total stock at the end of 1905.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Class.	1904.	Vols. added	1905.
General	15,303	165	15,468
Philosophy	609	23	632
Religion	3,540	213	3,753
Sociology	3,772	316	4,088
Philology...	1,093	20	1,113
Natural Science	2,544	102	2,646
Useful Arts	3,506	128	3,634
Fine Arts	3,436	95	3,531
Literature	12,552	226	12,778
History	13,348	287	13,635
Total ...	59,703	1,575	61,278

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Class.	1904.	Vols. added and withdrawn.	1905.
Religion	5,338	53— 787	4,604
Philosophy	841	6— 28	819
Sociology	2,365	72— 224	2,213
Science and Art	6,022	88— 209	5,901
Poetry and Drama	1,933	1— 189	1,745
Fiction	17,190	371—1,736	15,828
History, Biography, and Travel	8,504	104—1,196	7,412
General Literature	7,001	67— 866	6,202
Juveniles' Library	7,485	112	7,597
Total ...	56,679	874—5,235	52,318

BOOK STOCK.

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1904.	Vols. added.	1905.
Religion	420	12	432
Philosophy	114	5	119
Sociology	315	22	337
Science and Art	978	59	1,037
Poetry and Drama	193	3	196
Fiction	4,612	235	4,847
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,094	41	1,135
General Literature	654	21	675
Juveniles' Literature	1,955	136	2,091
Reference Books	104	2	106
Total ...	10,439	536	10,975

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1904.	Vols. added.	1905.
Religion	128	4	132
Philosophy	39	2	41
Sociology	92	10	102
Science and Art	478	12	490
Poetry and Drama	105	3	108
Fiction and Juveniles' Literature ...	4,077	228	4,305
History, Biography, and Travel ...	750	32	782
General Literature	458	13	471
Reference Books	102	1	103
Total ...	6,229	305	6,534

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1904.	Vols. added.	1905.
Religion	558	14	572
Philosophy	140	3	143
Sociology	323	20	343
Science and Art	1,184	36	1,220
Poetry and Drama	219	4	223
Fiction	5,135	259	5,394
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,296	60	1,356
General Literature	709	20	729
Juveniles' Literature	2,170	106	2,276
Reference Books	157	7	164
Total ...	11,891	529	12,420

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1904.	Vols. added.	1905.
Religion	456	7	463
Philosophy	179	4	183
Sociology	332	7	339
Science and Art	920	30	950
Poetry and Drama	289	2	291
Fiction	5,067	273	5,340
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,220	18	1,238
General Literature	791	16	807
Juveniles' Literature	2,545	150	2,695
Reference Books	105	3	108
Total ...	11,904	510	12,414

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1905.
Religion	210
Philosophy	149
Sociology	169
Science and Art	424
Poetry and Drama	188
Fiction	2,658
History, Biography, and Travel	660
General Literature	513
Juveniles' Literature	1,275
Reference Books	50
Total ...	6,296

ENTIRE STOCK.

	1904.	Vols. added and withdrawn.	1905.
Reference Department ...	59,703	1,575	61,278
Lending Department ...	56,679	874—5,235	52,318
West Branch	10,439	536	10,975
Portobello Branch	6,229	305	6,534
North Branch	11,891	529	12,420
East Branch	11,904	510	12,414
Morningside Branch ...	—	6,296	6,296
Total ...	156,845	10,625—5,235	162,235

Reference Library—Statistics for 1905.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	2,984	276	297	498	189	394	805	588	1,929	1,189	9,149	25	365·96
February - -	2,840	438	326	586	157	471	943	559	2,308	1, 64	9,792	24	408·00
March - -	3,195	309	287	508	191	640	1,011	490	2,517	1,166	10,314	27	382·00
April - -	2,786	190	207	278	94	311	588	458	946	771	6,629	24	276·2
May - -	2,900	119	167	406	91	384	650	395	1,166	902	7,180	26	276·15
June - -	2,891	131	102	307	94	407	515	307	1,187	758	6,699	26	257·65
July - -	2,867	64	136	181	83	289	443	346	670	851	5,930	26	228·07
August - -	3,127	123	178	258	196	249	589	434	877	1,072	7,103	27	263·07
September -	2,803	146	159	212	160	290	578	383	1,141	905	6,777	24	282·37
October - -	3,060	115	239	379	217	438	886	522	1,549	1,046	8,451	26	325·03
November -	3,285	267	331	714	182	432	1,169	624	1,984	1,079	10,067	26	387·19
December -	3,110	296	263	536	151	276	1,085	502	1,631	970	8,820	25	352·8
Totals -	35,848	2,474	2,692	4,863	1,805	4,581	9,262	5,608	17,905	11,873	96,911	306	316·702
Per cent. of Total Issues	36·99	2·55	2·77	5·01	1·86	4·72	9·55	5·78	18·47	12·25	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	2·31	3·91	·71	1·18	1·62	1·73	2·54	1·58	1·4	·87	...	...	...

Lending Library—Central—Statistics for 1905.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Library.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	672	311	430	2,098	659	20,455	2,017	1,765	3,862	32,269	25	1,290·76
February - -	770	403	557	2,034	706	20,968	1,839	1,769	4,457	33,503	24	1,395·95
March - - -	648	361	447	2,116	855	22,036	2,317	2,116	4,688	35,584	27	1,317·92
April - - -	522	317	346	1,726	620	19,350	1,746	1,707	3,614	29,948	24	1,247·83
May - - - -	493	316	344	1,531	653	17,540	1,609	1,456	3,065	27,007	26	1,038·73
June - - -	467	297	324	1,353	550	15,042	1,204	1,181	2,459	22,877	26	879·88
July - - - -	413	251	342	1,169	524	16,138	1,196	1,184	2,340	23,557	26	906·03
August - - -	462	199	353	1,264	472	17,726	1,244	1,173	2,457	25,350	27	938·88
September -	507	275	369	1,499	605	18,077	1,394	1,298	2,786	26,810	24	1,117·08
October - -	587	299	487	2,036	663	19,306	1,938	1,719	2,990	30,025	26	1,154·80
November - -	710	348	536	2,115	711	18,618	1,812	1,981	3,618	30,449	26	1,171·11
December - -	593	317	522	1,794	651	17,627	1,493	1,688	3,606	28,291	25	1,131·24
Totals - -	6,844	3,694	5,057	20,735	7,669	222,883	19,809	19,037	39,942	345,670	306	1,129·64
Totals, 1904 -	5,686	2,341	3,438	18,377	6,236	232,504	20,230	13,893	38,782	341,487	309	1,105·13
Per cent. of Total Issues	1·97	1·06	1·46	5·99	2·21	64·47	5·73	5·50	11·55	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	1·48	4·51	2·28	3·51	4·39	14·08	2·67	3·06	5·25	...	...	...

Lending Library—West Branch—Statistics for 1905.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	109	37	141	548	90	7,809	560	800	3,743	13,837	25	553·48
February - -	97	39	139	548	90	7,916	525	788	3,664	13,806	24	575·25
March - - -	106	43	158	554	104	8,039	571	717	3,706	13,998	27	518·44
April - - -	77	26	143	464	70	6,976	484	524	3,205	11,969	24	498·70
May - - -	79	33	122	491	73	6,260	460	561	2,935	11,014	26	423·61
June - - -	45	32	71	377	48	5,065	282	313	2,130	8,363	26	321·65
July - - - -	40	25	60	307	50	6,111	178	191	2,352	9,314	24	388·08
August - - -	57	21	98	359	59	6,233	306	401	2,272	9,806	27	363·18
September -	49	24	111	456	54	6,516	426	478	2,548	10,662	24	444·25
October - -	83	57	174	546	83	7,413	500	652	3,175	12,683	26	487·80
November - -	99	58	166	549	86	7,209	497	604	4,177	13,445	26	517·11
December - -	96	39	114	418	54	6,178	436	564	3,997	11,896	25	475·84
Totals - - -	937	434	1,497	5,617	861	81,725	5,225	6,593	37,904	140,793	304	463·13
Totals, 1904 -	1,079	424	1,073	4,874	833	83,998	5,389	6,510	34,802	138,982	309	449·77
Per cent. of Total Issues	·66	·30	1·06	3·98	·06	58·04	3·70	4·68	26·92	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	2·16	3·64	4·44	5·41	4·39	16·86	4·60	9·76	18·12	...	...	...

Lending Library—Portobello Branch—Statistics for 1905.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	28	8	18	130	23	4,813	178	153	1,007	6,448	25	257·92
February - -	27	11	13	90	22	4,834	201	151	909	6,258	24	260·75
March - - -	29	10	14	86	23	5,094	226	163	949	6,594	27	244·22
April - - -	16	10	13	63	23	4,503	155	139	828	5,750	24	239·58
May - - -	19	3	16	58	16	4,029	119	132	643	5,035	26	193·65
June - - -	17	6	13	38	14	3,355	92	88	532	4,155	26	159·80
July - - -	14	6	14	46	11	3,300	80	66	398	3,935	26	151·34
August - -	7	4	10	39	14	2,815	75	64	283	3,311	21	157·66
September -	13	4	14	74	23	3,867	132	98	630	4,855	24	202·29
October - -	24	6	24	95	27	4,518	162	151	751	5,758	26	221·46
November -	26	10	19	115	28	4,831	212	167	1,148	6,556	26	252·15
December - -	22	10	23	108	22	4,683	218	161	1,224	6,471	25	258·84
Totals - - -	242	88	191	942	246	50,642	1,850	1,533	9,392	65,126	300	217·08
Totals, 1904 -	240	79	177	896	256	52,132	1,853	1,442	9,245	66,366	309	214·77
Per cent. of Total Issues	·37	·13	·29	1·44	·37	77·76	2·84	2·35	14·42	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	1·83	2·14	1·87	1·92	2·27	11·76	2·36	3·25	91,18	...	...	...

Lending Library—North Branch—Statistics for 1905.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Books.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	96	32	99	395	78	6,855	483	381	2,077	10,496	25	419·84
February - -	130	22	106	465	80	6,947	496	404	2,000	10,650	24	443·75
March - - -	111	35	144	454	66	7,310	513	405	2,027	11,065	27	409·81
April - - -	99	18	113	407	70	6,635	385	316	1,832	9,875	24	411·45
May - - - -	101	13	66	317	51	5,931	361	332	1,519	8,691	26	334·26
June - - -	95	17	59	232	58	4,971	344	243	1,070	7,089	26	272·65
July - - - -	63	22	87	224	44	5,025	315	246	1,052	7,078	26	272·23
August - - -	59	17	84	302	50	5,560	380	253	1,265	7,970	27	295·14
September - -	90	16	85	346	63	6,389	410	323	1,411	9,133	24	380·54
October - -	111	21	108	438	66	6,185	470	287	1,424	9,110	26	350·38
November - -	123	37	129	458	63	6,928	595	385	2,111	10,829	26	416·5
December - -	109	30	104	317	66	6,223	498	327	2,136	9,810	25	392·4
Totals - - -	1,187	280	1,184	4,355	755	74,959	5,250	3,902	19,924	111,796	306	365·34
Totals, 1904 -	1,349	278	1,187	4,509	899	83,822	5,763	4,786	21,028	123,614	309	400·4
Per cent. of Total Issues	1·06	·02	1·05	3·89	·06	67·04	4·69	3·49	17·82	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	2·07	1·95	3·45	3·56	3·38	13·89	3·87	5·35	8·75	...	...	...

Lending Library—East Branch—Statistics for 1905.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days open.	Daily Average.
January - -	141	54	193	667	149	10,508	738	758	4,576	17,784	25	711·36
February - -	175	50	212	699	146	10,626	813	808	5,159	18,688	24	777·75
March - - -	140	74	193	762	166	11,363	771	868	5,239	19,576	27	725·03
April - - -	124	43	130	674	132	10,137	662	740	4,166	16,808	24	700·33
May - - - -	150	41	127	580	117	9,451	527	598	3,492	15,083	26	580·11
June - - -	107	28	110	474	87	8,057	436	448	2,705	12,452	26	478·92
July - - - -	86	27	110	434	107	8,453	415	497	2,514	12,643	26	486·26
August - - -	107	43	121	490	113	9,078	452	518	2,380	13,302	27	492·66
September -	108	47	127	530	102	9,829	488	543	2,842	14,616	24	609·00
October - -	149	65	175	724	120	10,738	644	706	3,645	16,966	26	652·53
November - -	178	68	190	698	145	11,091	701	666	4,619	18,356	26	706·00
December - -	136	63	163	578	146	10,411	584	699	4,566	17,346	25	693·84
Totals - - -	1,601	603	1,851	7,310	1,530	119,742	7,231	7,849	45,903	193,620	306	...
Totals, 1904 -	1,414	540	2,113	8,106	1,449	102,136	7,879	7,640	59,602	190,879	295	...
Per cent. of Total Issues	·82	·31	·95	3·77	·79	61·84	3·73	4·05	23·70	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	3·45	3·29	5·46	7·69	5·25	22·42	5·84	9·72	17·03	...	...	...

Lending Library—Morningside Branch—Statistics for 1905.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
November - -	76	35	29	325	71	4,493	479	282	3,064	8,854	18	491·88
December - -	127	59	59	448	144	8,601	681	510	6,205	16,834	25	673·36
Totals -	203	94	88	773	215	13,094	1,160	792	9,269	25,688	43	597·39
Per cent. of Total Issues	·7	·36	·34	3·01	·8	50·97	4·12	3·08	36·08	...	..	...
Turnover of Stock - -	·96	·63	·52	1·82	1·14	4·92	1·75	1·54	7·26	...	...	...

Total Circulation for Home Reading in the various Classes from the Central Lending and Branches.

1904.

	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Books.
Central - - - -	5,686	2,341	3,438	18,377	6,236	232,504	20,230	13,893	38,782
West Branch - - -	1,079	424	1,073	4,874	883	83,998	5,389	6,510	34,802
Portobello Branch - -	240	79	177	896	256	52,132	1,853	1,442	9,245
North Branch - - -	1,349	278	1,187	4,509	899	83,822	5,763	4,786	21,028
East Branch - - -	1,414	540	2,113	8,106	1,449	102,136	7,879	7.640	59,602
	9,768	3,662	7,988	36,762	9,723	554,592	41,114	34,271	163,459

1905.

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West Branch - - -	937	434	1,497	5,617	861	81,725	5.225	6,593	37,904
Portobello Branch - -	242	88	191	912	246	50,642	1,850	1,533	9,392
North Branch - - -	1,187	280	1,184	4,355	755	74,959	5,250	3,902	19,924
East Branch - - -	1,601	603	1,851	7,310	1,530	119,742	7,231	7,849	45,903
Morningside Branch - -	203	94	88	773	215	13,094	1,160	792	9,269
	11,014	5,193	9,868	39,702	11,276	563,045	40,525	39,706	162,334

LIST OF DONORS OF BOOKS, 1905.

	Vol.	P.
Advocates' Library, per J. T. Clark	42	—
Anderson, J. O., 13 Roseneath Terrace	1	—
Antiquaries of Scotland, Soc. of	1	—
Arnot, James, M.A., Clerk School Board	2	—
Ayling, John A., 11 Thistle St.	5	—
Barrett, F. T., City Librarian, Glasgow	2	—
Barton, C., Portobello	1	—
Blackwood, Messrs Wm., & Sons	1	—
British Museum Trustees	11	5
Browne, T. B., Ltd., Edinburgh	1	—
Budge, E. A. Wallis, LL.D., per Henry Froude	2	—
Caledonian Insurance Co.	1	—
Canada Printing Bureau	17	—
Canadian Government Offices, London	1	—
Carnegie Institute, Washington	1	—
Carnegie Museum, Pittsburg	—	1
Carnegie Universities' Trust	1	—
Carson, Thomas G., Coleraine	1	—
Chartered Accountants of Scotland	1	—
Choate, The Hon. Joseph H., London	1	—
Christison, Dr, Edinburgh	—	2
City Chamberlain, Edinburgh	1	—
Collingwood Brothers, London	1	—
Connell, Isaac, S.S.C., Edin.	—	6
Cooper, Rev. Mr, Glasgow	8	—
Cory, John, J.P. of Duffryn, Cardiff	1	—
Croal, Thomas A., 16 London St.	25	—
Cumming, Dr, 18 Ainslie Pl.	2	1
Cunningham, J. H., C.E., 2 Ravelston Place	4	2
Dawbarn & Ward, Ltd., London	1	—
Director, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington	—	5
Dundee Harbour Trust	1	—
Edinburgh and District Water Trust	1	—
Edinburgh Bibliographical Soc., per G. P. Johnston	1	—
Edmond, J. P., Signet Library	1	—
Eland, Mrs Frank, Midhurst	2	—
Findlay, John R., Scotsman Office	116	—
Fishery Board of Scotland	1	—
Forbes, H. M., 20 Montpelier Park	2	—
Ford, William, C.S.I., Chagford, Devon	1	—
Gaelic Society of Glasgow	2	—
Geological Survey of Scotland	2	—
Giles, Arthur, 107 Princes St.	1	—
Glasgow Archæological Society	—	1
Gregg, John R., Chicago	1	—
Hair, John, per James Thin	1	—
Harper, President, University of Chicago	2	—
Harrison, John, Rockville, 3 Napier Road	4	—
Henderson, Daniel M'Intyre, Baltimore	1	—
Highland and Agricultural Soc. of Scotland	1	—
H.M. Stationery Office, London	8	—
Hodge, William, & Co., Edin.	6	—
Hunter, Thomas, W.S., Town Clerk	7	—
Ingraham, Charles A., Cambridge, U.S.A.	1	—
Japan, Consulate General of, London	1	—
Johnston, George Harvey, Edina Works	2	—
Ker, Rev. William, M.A.	1	—
Land Nationalisation Society, London	4	—
Laurie, Professor S. S., LL.D, Edinburgh	1	—
Laurie, Principal, Heriot-Watt College	2	—
Leitch, Colin, Ardrishaig	—	1
Leng, John & Co., Ltd., Dundee	2	—
Leven, Colonel, 26 Saxecoburg Pl.	1	—
Littlejohn, Sir Henry, M.D., LL.D., Edinburgh	1	—
Logan, Miss, Tulliallan, Colinton	1	—
Lord Provost, The Right Hon. the, Edinburgh	1	—
Manchester Museum, Owens College	—	2
M'Cormick, Son, & Co., Glasgow	1	—
Macdonald, Rt. Hon. Sir John H. A., K.C.B.	—	47
Macdonald, Wm., & Co. Ltd., Edinburgh	3	—
MacKenzie, Mrs Colin, Altnacoille, Shandon	2	—
MacRitchie, David, 4 Archibald Place	11	—
M'Vail, John C., M.D., Glasgow	2	—

	Vol.	P.
Magistrates and Council as Governors and Administrators of Trinity Hospital, Edinburgh, per R. Paton, City Chamberlain .	306	—
Magnus, Sir Philip, London .	1	—
Master of the Merchant Co., Edinburgh . . .	1	—
Mather & Crowther Ltd., London	1	—
Mill, James, Editor, *Book Monthly*, London . .	—	22
Ministre de l'Industrie. Belgium	1	—
Murray, Alfred A., Edinburgh .	—	3
Murray, David, M.A., LL.D., Glasgow . . .	1	—
Nelson, Thomas, & Sons, Edin.	3	—
New Church College, Islington	2	—
Newlands, Dr, Australasian Club, Edinburgh . .	3	1
Nicholson, E. W. B., Bodleian Library . . .	1	—
Ramsay, R. N., 27 Forrest Rd.	6	—
Roberts, Henry D., Southwark Public Library . .	1	—
Rosebery, Right Hon. Earl of, K.G., London . .	1	3
Rowbotham, Rev. J. F., M.A., Berlin . . .	1	—
Royal College of Surgeons, Edin.	1	—
Royal Institute of British Architects . . .	1	—
Royal Scottish Academy .	1	—
Royal Society of Canada, Ottawa	2	—
Royal Society of Edinburgh .	—	13
Royal Society, London . .	—	25
Russell, Sir James A., Woodville	10	62
Schuyler, Philip P., Irvington on Hudson, N.Y. . .	1	—
Seath, William, Kingskettle .	5	—
Secretary of State for India, London . . .	26	—
Secretary of the Interior, Washington . . .	9	—
Senatus Academicus, University of Edinburgh . .	1	—
Shann, George, London .	1	—
Sherratt & Hughes, London .	1	—
Sinclair, W. G., J.P., St Clair Works . . .	1	4
Smith, A. Davidson, C.A., 4A York Place . .	1	—
Smith, H. W., per Williams and Norgate . . .	3	—
Sonnenschein, Swan, & Co., London . . .	1	—
Surgeon-General, U.S. Army, Washington . .	1	—
Sutton, Arthur W., Woolhampton, Berks . . .	1	—
Thin, James, 22 Lauder Road .	1	—
Town Clerk, Guildhall, London	1	—
Tutin, J. R., Cottingham, York	1	—
University Tutorial Press Ltd., Cambridge . . .	1	—
Walch, J., & Sons, Hobart, Tasmania . . .	1	—
Watson, Robt. Spence, Newcastle	1	—
Williamson, Dr, Edinburgh .	1	—
Wright, Lady Cory-, London .	2	—

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT,

1906.

During the year 944,235 volumes were issued for home reading from the Central and Branch Libraries, as against 882,693 for 1905.

The increase is accounted for by the large circulation of the Branch in Morningside, and it would have been greater had it not been for the closing of the West Branch for three weeks in September for repairs to the electric light, and of Portobello Branch for fully six weeks in September and October for the extension of the Newsroom and other necessary repairs. The numbers for the various Libraries for the year are :—

Central - - - -	318,524
West Branch - - - -	125,478
Portobello Branch - - -	63,024
North Branch - - -	106,422
East Branch - - - -	190,039
Morningside Branch - - -	140,748
Total - -	944,235

In addition 90,086 works were consulted in the Reference Department, making a grand total for the year of 1,034,321. In regard to the numbers of the Reference Library it has to be noted that for six weeks the room was closed for the purpose of being redecorated.

The total aggregate for both departments of the Central

Library and of the Branches from date of their opening to 31st December 1906, is as follows :—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	1,442,743
Lending do. - -	7,948,592
West Branch - - - -	1,251,182
Portobello Branch - - -	629,211
North Branch - - - -	726,391
East Branch - - - -	574,538
Morningside Branch - - -	166,436
Total - -	12,739,093

The figures on page 18 are given to show the total circulation of books for home reading in the various classes during the year. The figures for 1905 are given so that a comparison may be made. The figures for the classes headed Religion, Science and Art, History, Biography, and Travel, and General Literature are nearly the same as last year. In the class of Fiction, where there was a decrease in 1905, there was last year an increase of 36,485, while the increase in the circulation of books for Juveniles was 24,545. There were decreases in the numbers in Philosophy and Poetry.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The stock of books of this important department of the Library was increased during 1906 by 1,620 volumes, making the total at 31st December 62,898. Details are given on page 8. The number of works consulted is smaller than for last year, but the difference is accounted for by the fact that, as already mentioned, the Library was closed for the purpose of being redecorated, from the 30th July till 10th September.

Opportunity was taken of rearranging part of the Library and commencing a checking of the stock of books. This latter work will take some time to complete. A new and greatly improved cabinet was provided for the card catalogue, and new cards were typed from A to K. The easy reference which the new cards and the new cabinet afford is much appreciated by those who consult books in this department.

BRANCH LIBRARY TECHNICAL SECTIONS.

During the year the expediency of having Reference Technical Sections in some of the Branch Libraries was brought under the notice of the Committee. After consideration it was remitted to the Chairman, who had taken the initiative in the matter, to have small Reference Sections of useful books of a technical character established in the West, North, and East Branches. Lists of the technical works already in the Lending Departments of these Branches were prepared and examined, and it was found that while in the three Branches named the number for home reading was ample, there was a lack of books for reference and consultation. The method pursued in selecting the books was, first of all, to note the various trades and industries carried on in the districts, and then to make full lists of books bearing upon each of them as far as possible. That having been done, it was necessary to make a selection, and it is a matter of regret that that selection had to be limited on account of the cost. In the East Branch the Technical Section has cost £60, and in the West and North Branches £35 each.

As an appendix to this report I give the catalogue (author and subject) of the books supplied. Several of those selected were out of print—for example, books on the rubber industry, which it was proposed to put into the West Branch Library. These and others will be supplied as soon as the booksellers can obtain them, and it is hoped that great advantage will be taken of the books provided in the various places.

CHILDREN'S ROOMS.

The deputation from the Library Committee which in the spring of the year visited the Libraries of Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham, London, and Glasgow, were so much impressed with the attention given to Boys' Rooms that in the recommendations attached to their report they laid special stress on this part of Library work. The following was the recommendation of the deputation, which was adopted by the General Committee, and remitted to the special Sub-Committee on Branches :—

"We were much impressed by the excellent work done among the young in other Libraries by means of the 'Boys' Rooms.' These, to be thoroughly successful, should be specially planned, with entrances separate from that of the Library proper.

Still, we believe that it would be well for the Committee to endeavour to adapt the buildings we have to this purpose, and provide special rooms for the young. By so doing, a taste for reading would be developed, and there would be the further advantage of rendering the present reading rooms quieter, as it is only natural for the children—who at present frequent them to be more restless than grown-up people."

After consultation with the Nelson Trustees, plans were obtained from Mr H. R. Taylor of rooms in the Hall, Dundee Street, showing how these could be altered for the purpose in view. After much consideration, it was resolved to accept the offer of the Nelson Trustees to convert the first floor into a Reading Room for children. The work of fitting up the room is being carried out by the Nelson Trustees at their own expense, and the list of books to be provided is ready. These will be placed on the shelves when the place is ready for opening early in the spring. The Committee acknowledge the cordial assistance given by the Nelson Trustees in carrying out this experiment, and trust this beginning may result in the establishment of other children's rooms in Edinburgh.

MUSIC SECTION.

During the visit of the deputies of the Committee to some of the English Libraries, they noted the existence of musical sections in several of the Lending Departments, and in their printed report, submitted to the Committee, the following sentence occurred :—

"And we recommend that at the earliest opportunity a Library of Music be formed in the Central Lending Library as an experiment, which may afterwards be extended to the Branches."

This recommendation having been approved of by the Committee, was at a later stage considered by the Books Committee, and a remit was made to Mr William Cowan, Vice-Convener, to compile a list of suitable books. Mr Cowan has been engaged on this for some time, and it is expected that a list will be ready to be submitted to the first meeting of the Committee in 1907. The work has entailed some labour, and great consideration had necessarily to be given to it in order that the collection, when formed, should be thoroughly representative of the work of all the best composers, and should also adequately meet the requirements of students in all the various branches of musical composition.

LENDING LIBRARIES.

CENTRAL.

The stock of books was increased during the year by 889 volumes, raising the total of this department to 53,207. The "wear and tear" of the books as the years go by becomes greater. 2,792 volumes were purchased for replacing worn-out and soiled books, costing £488. 13s. 2d., and of these 2,437 were put on the shelves, the remainder being at 31st December either in the hands of the binders, or being made ready for the early days of 1907.

Details of stock and circulation will be found on pages 8 and 12.

WEST BRANCH.

The stock of this Library was increased by 618 volumes, making the total stock 11,593. As noted in last year's Report, it was necessary to still further replace many of the books in this Branch, and during the year 568 volumes were withdrawn from circulation. 537 of these were replaced, the remaining 31 not being procurable at present. 532 volumes were purchased, costing £67. 16s. 10½d., the remaining 5 being transferences from the Central Library. The sale of the catalogues of this Branch has been most satisfactory, every copy of both the Lending and Juveniles' Section being sold during the year. The circulation of books is smaller than for 1905, but the Library was closed for three weeks in September.

Details will be found on pages 9 and 13.

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

The stock of this Branch was increased by 316 volumes, making the total stock 6,850. The Library was closed for six weeks in September and October, during alterations and extensions. 106 volumes were withdrawn from circulation on account of being worn and soiled, and every one of them has been replaced. The extension of the Newsroom in connection with this Branch has placed this Branch on a satisfactory footing. The original space allotted for Newspaper and Magazine reading

has been more than doubled in size, and the comfort and convenience of the new arrangement are much appreciated. The service in giving out books has also been much improved, and the lighting made more efficient. Additions have been made to the magazines and newspapers supplied.

Details of stock and circulation of books will be found on pages 9 and 14.

NORTH BRANCH.

562 volumes were added to the stock, making the total 12,982. The books in this Branch are less soiled than in one or two of the others, and only 30 volumes were replaced during the year at a cost of £2. 5s. Of the Lending Catalogue, 2,390 copies were sold, leaving 610 on hand.

Details will be found on pages 9 and 15.

EAST BRANCH.

548 volumes were added to the stock, making the total 12,962. 146 volumes were withdrawn owing to being soiled—a small proportion to the number of books read—and they were all replaced. The sale of the catalogue of this Branch has been very good, but a larger number having been printed than for the other Branches, the stock remaining on hand is large.

Details will be found on pages 10 and 16.

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

This Branch, which has now been open for fourteen months, is taken advantage of by a large number of the people in the district. So far as home reading is concerned, the circulation, considering the population and the limited number of books in stock, is beyond any experience we have had in any of our Branches. The turnover for the year gives twenty-one times for every volume in stock. The sale of the catalogue has been very satisfactory. The Newsroom is well provided with newspapers and magazines, but the attendance is never so great as to cause serious inconvenience. Young people frequent this Branch to a greater extent than in some of the others.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

The Society for teaching the Blind to read in their own homes undertake and carry out the distribution of the books in this section of the Library. The books are housed in the Society's Rooms, and additions are made from time to time as the Books Committee approve. Mr Ness, the Librarian, reports that during 1906 1,786 books in Moon type, 1,465 in Braille, and 887 magazines were circulated—a total of 4,138.

HEW MORRISON,
Librarian.

CENTRAL—BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1905, the number added and the total stock at the end of 1906.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1905.	Vols. added.	1906.
General	15,468	202	15,670
Philosophy	632	31	663
Religion	3,753	97	3,850
Sociology	4,088	346	4,434
Philology	1,113	37	1,150
Natural Science	2,646	124	2,770
Useful Arts	3,634	141	3,775
Fine Arts	3,531	113	3,644
Literature	12,778	209	12,987
History	13,635	320	13,955
Total ...	61,278	1,620	62,898

LENDING LIBRARY.

Class.	1905.	Vols. added.	1906.
Religion	4,604	69	4,673
Philosophy	819	14	833
Sociology	2,213	56	2,269
Science and Art	5,901	71	5,972
Poetry and Drama	1,745	4	1,749
Fiction	15,825	365	16,190
History, Biography, and Travel ...	7,412	110	7,522
General Literature	6,202	54	6,256
Juveniles' Literature	7,597	146	7,743
Total ...	52,318	889	53,207

BOOK STOCK.

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1905.	Vols. added.	1906.
Religion	432	11	443
Philosophy	119	5	124
Sociology	337	18	355
Science and Art	1,037	70	1,107
Poetry and Drama	196	5	201
Fiction	4,847	255	5,102
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,135	42	1,177
General Literature	675	17	692
Juveniles' Literature	2,091	125	2,216
Reference Books	106	70	176
Total ...	10,975	618	11,593

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1905.	Vols. added.	1906.
Religion	132	6	138
Philosophy	41	3	44
Sociology	102	6	108
Science and Art	490	13	503
Poetry and Drama	108	3	111
Fiction and Juveniles' Literature ...	4,305	234	4,539
History, Biography, and Travel ...	782	37	819
General Literature	471	10	481
Reference Books	103	4	107
Total ...	6,534	316	6,850

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1905.	Vols. added.	1906.
Religion	572	10	582
Philosophy	143	3	146
Sociology	343	8	351
Science and Art	1,220	68	1,288
Poetry and Drama	223	3	226
Fiction	5,394	264	5,658
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,356	38	1,394
General Literature	729	28	757
Juveniles' Literature	2,276	89	2,365
Reference Books	164	51	215
Total ...	12,420	562	12,982

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1905.	Vols. added.	1906.
Religion	463	19	482
Philosophy	183	7	190
Sociology	339	8	347
Science and Art	950	46	996
Poetry and Drama	291	1	292
Fiction	5,340	330	5,670
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,238	35	1,273
General Literature	807	17	824
Juveniles' Literature	2,695	82	2,777
Reference Books	108	3	111
Total ...	12,414	548	12,962

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1905.	Vols. added.	1906.
Religion	210	11	221
Philosophy	149	1	150
Sociology	169	12	181
Science and Art	424	36	460
Poetry and Drama	188	3	191
Fiction	2,658	167	2,825
History, Biography, and Travel ...	660	24	684
General Literature	513	15	528
Juveniles' Literature	1,275	70	1,345
Reference Books	50	4	54
Total ...	6,296	343	6,639

ENTIRE STOCK.

	1905.	Vols. added	1906.
Reference Library	61,278	1,620	62,898
Lending Department ...	52,318	889	53,207
West Branch	10,975	618	11,593
Portobello Branch	6,534	316	6,850
North Branch	12,420	562	12,982
East Branch	12,414	548	12,962
Morningside Branch ...	6,296	343	6,639
Total ...	162,235	4,896	167,131

Reference Library—Statistics for 1906.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	3,351	232	275	558	167	477	1,015	564	1,943	1,025	9,607	26	369·5
February - -	3,227	318	269	633	171	492	830	557	2,445	1,480	10,422	24	434·25
March - -	3,445	371	281	606	160	686	1,039	626	2,710	1,126	11,050	27	409·25
April - -	3,060	90	186	308	139	418	686	484	813	886	7,070	24	294·58
May - -	3,028	152	182	378	73	623	719	491	1,200	995	7,841	26	301·57
June - -	3,217	158	166	233	73	471	450	324	971	880	6,943	26	267·03
July - -	3,006	91	88	131	70	306	351	259	636	765	5,703	24	237·62
*August - -	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*September -	2,227	91	69	152	51	220	367	356	622	651	4,806	16	300·37
October - -	3,571	151	224	361	129	410	719	589	1,498	1,051	8,703	27	322·33
November -	3,611	239	322	560	88	470	668	625	1,980	1,256	9,819	26	377·65
December -	3,339	116	225	234	87	475	584	477	1,573	1,012	8,122	25	324·88
Totals -	35,082	2,009	2,287	4,154	1,208	5,048	7,428	5,352	16,391	11,127	90,086	271	332·420
Per cent. of Total Issues	38·94	2·23	2·53	4·61	1·34	5·60	8·24	5·94	18·19	12·35	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	2·23	3·03	·59	·93	1·05	1·82	1·96	1·46	1·26	·79	...	...	...

* Reference Department Closed from 30th July to 10th September

Lending Library—Central—Statistics for 1906.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	649	340	562	1,887	710	18,934	1,651	1,563	3,770	30,066	26	1,156·38
February - -	659	311	580	1,928	638	18,710	1,704	1,568	3,891	29,989	24	1,249·54
March - - -	763	294	571	2,308	713	21,749	2,033	1,884	4,283	34,598	27	1,281·40
April - - -	528	198	383	1,553	497	17,219	1,216	1,244	3,083	25,921	24	1,080·04
May - - - -	540	236	355	1,735	503	16,866	1,358	1,245	3,002	25,840	26	993·84
June - - -	477	211	345	1,326	415	13,685	1,203	1,031	2,189	20,882	26	803·15
July - - - -	355	202	304	1,154	357	14,308	970	876	2,127	20,653	26	794·34
August - - -	375	133	242	1,071	308	16,085	950	844	2,275	22,283	27	825·29
September -	470	207	385	1,457	478	18,080	1,333	1,252	2,165	25,827	24	1,076·12
October - -	552	259	523	1,819	484	18,771	1,430	1,298	2,371	27,507	27	1,018·77
November - -	656	241	517	2,167	637	18,002	2,057	1,690	3,000	28,967	26	1,114·11
December - -	505	207	474	1,735	569	16,404	1,764	1,349	2,984	25,991	25	1,039·64
Totals - -	6,529	2,839	5,241	20,140	6.309	208,813	17,669	15,844	35,140	318,524	308	1,034·16
Totals, 1905 -	6,844	3,694	5,057	20,735	7,669	222,883	19,809	19,037	39,942	345,670	306	1,129·64
Per cent. of Total Issues	2·04	0·89	1·64	6·32	1·98	65·55	5·54	4·97	11·03	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	1·39	3·42	2·30	3·37	3·61	12·89	2·34	2·53	4·53	...	...	...

Lending Library—West Branch—Statistics for 1906.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Books.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	103	52	152	500	84	7,150	448	621	4,139	13,249	26	509·57
February - -	98	51	217	576	71	6,988	521	663	3,723	12,908	24	537·83
March - - -	112	62	223	620	83	8,020	619	726	4,823	14,788	27	547·70
April - - -	86	36	150	408	59	6,206	382	585	3,310	11,222	24	467·58
May - - - -	67	26	142	452	56	5,997	432	581	3,138	10,891	26	418·88
June - - -	58	21	75	311	45	4,733	283	500	2,383	8,409	26	323·42
July - - - -	42	20	69	223	28	4,445	253	366	2,339	7,785	26	299·42
August - - -	52	16	83	322	37	5,249	267	400	2,579	9,005	27	333·51
September* -	15	9	34	115	18	1,604	98	112	670	2,675	7	382·14
October - -	71	26	145	436	62	6,000	377	540	2,977	10,634	24	443·08
November - -	78	33	164	444	88	6,428	477	541	4,186	12,439	26	478·42
December - -	60	27	152	401	68	5,844	473	558	3,890	11,473	25	458·92
Totals - - -	842	379	1,606	4,808	699	68,664	4,630	6,193	37,657	125,478	288	435·68
Totals, 1905 -	937	434	1,497	5,617	861	81,725	5,225	6,593	37,904	140,793	304	463·13
Per cent. of Total Issues	·67	·30	1·27	3·83	·55	54·72	3·68	4·93	30·01	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	1·90	3·05	4·52	4·34	3·47	13·45	3·93	8·80	16·99	...	...	...

* Closed from 8th September to 3rd October.

Lending Library—Portobello Branch—Statistics for 1906.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	20	4	23	102	22	5,026	242	180	1,291	6,910	26	265·76
February - -	21	10	19	117	20	4,866	226	185	1,340	6,804	24	283·5
March - - -	29	9	27	111	31	5,358	236	169	1,399	7,369	27	272·92
April - - -	20	11	17	106	19	4,281	191	122	1,082	5,849	24	243·70
May - - -	18	4	16	80	18	4,384	155	121	899	5,695	26	219·03
June - - -	11	3	10	43	11	3,222	115	96	668	4,179	26	160·73
July* - - -	7	4	2	45	11	2,911	104	78	570	3,732	24	155·5
September -	7	2	3	32	10	1,670	67	36	338	2,165	11	196·81
October - -	21	5	17	112	21	4,571	196	123	1,120	6,186	27	229·11
November -	19	5	27	125	26	4,864	314	186	1,665	7,231	26	278·11
December - -	28	7	24	114	29	4,676	275	175	1,576	6,904	25	276·16
Totals - - -	201	64	185	987	218	45,829	2,121	1,471	11,948	63,024	266	236·93
Totals, 1905 -	242	88	191	942	246	50,642	1,850	1,533	9,392	65,126	300	217·08
Per cent. of Total Issues	·31	·10	·29	1·56	·34	72·71	3·36	2·33	18·95	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	1·75	2	1·76	1·87	2·21	11·15	2·25	3·10	87,77	...	...	...

* Closed from 28th July to 18th September.

Lending Library—North Branch—Statistics for 1906.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	121	23	121	359	72	6,835	462	338	2,269	10,600	26	407·69
February - -	105	31	118	365	68	6,343	495	335	1,921	9,781	24	407·54
March - - -	119	29	101	397	93	7,163	533	355	2,343	11,133	27	412·33
April - - -	100	23	84	329	62	5,895	399	271	2,167	9,330	24	388·75
May - - -	96	14	81	355	64	5,808	387	288	1,706	8,799	26	338·42
June - - -	90	13	61	269	51	4,649	276	238	1,186	6,833	26	262·80
July - - - -	69	21	72	244	33	4,522	268	246	1,241	6,716	26	258·30
August - - -	61	15	48	281	28	5,258	270	213	1,133	7,307	27	270·62
September -	94	24	69	308	60	5,467	330	227	1,175	7,754	24	323·08
October - -	119	31	129	320	81	6,246	467	328	1,458	9,179	27	339·96
November - -	138	28	109	357	90	6,218	492	390	2,150	9,972	26	383·53
December - -	107	13	97	301	61	5,572	406	416	2,045	9,018	25	360·72
Totals - - -	1,219	265	1,090	3,885	763	69,976	4,785	3,645	20,794	106,422	308	345·52
Totals, 1905 -	1,187	280	1,184	4,355	755	74,959	5,250	3,902	19,924	111,796	306	365·34
Per cent. of Total Issues	1·05	·24	1·02	3·65	·71	65·75	4·49	3·42	19·53	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	2·09	1·81	3·05	3·01	4·81	8·79	3·37	12·36	3·43	...	...	...

Lending Library—East Branch—Statistics for 1906.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days open.	Daily Average.
January - -	145	65	207	616	147	11,510	674	788	4,827	18,980	26	730·00
February - -	169	60	209	614	130	10,931	677	746	5,000	18,566	24	773·58
March - - -	167	61	185	694	154	12,080	748	777	5,211	20,077	27	743·59
April - - -	133	30	113	630	110	9,964	553	589	4,132	16,254	24	677·25
May - - - -	111	35	124	538	101	9,945	566	539	3,485	15,444	26	594·00
June - - -	77	36	82	406	93	8,391	434	440	2,625	12,584	26	484·00
July - - - -	72	25	102	363	74	8,206	353	346	2,400	11,941	26	459·26
August - - -	85	34	116	400	79	9,016	395	491	2,495	13,111	27	485·59
September -	103	34	121	486	97	9,629	499	590	2,506	14,065	24	586·04
October - -	145	46	196	612	128	10,379	652	712	3,052	15,922	27	589·70
November - -	202	61	196	696	156	10,523	655	666	3,977	17,132	26	658·92
December - -	157	54	156	546	97	9,764	563	598	4,028	15,963	25	638·52
Totals - - -	1,566	542	1,807	6,631	1,366	120,338	6,769	7,282	43,738	190,039	308	617·00
Totals, 1905 -	1,601	603	1,851	7,310	1,530	119,742	7,231	7,849	45,903	193,620	306	632·74
Per cent. of Total Issues	·82	·28	·95	3·48	·71	63·32	3·55	3·83	23·01	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	3·24	2·85	5·20	6·65	4·67	21·22	5·31	8·33	15·74	...	...	...

Lending Library—Morningside Branch—Statistics for 1906.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	128	61	81	441	123	9,164	698	637	5,865	17,198	26	661·46
February - -	114	80	106	346	165	8,237	675	743	4,588	15,054	24	627·25
March - - -	121	64	73	414	150	8,958	608	657	4,754	15,799	27	585·14
April - - -	67	26	72	277	84	7,432	444	477	3,629	12,508	24	521·16
May - - -	79	45	39	293	104	7,483	442	441	2,940	11,866	26	456·38
June - - -	64	26	37	178	70	6,014	329	277	2,202	9,197	26	353·73
July - - - -	45	14	41	168	77	5,621	288	327	2,148	8,729	26	335·73
August - - -	42	14	28	153	54	5,703	284	298	1,748	8,324	27	308·29
September - -	54	19	27	187	60	5,975	335	354	1,667	8,678	24	361·58
October -	84	34	52	281	83	7,552	416	392	2,603	11,497	27	425·81
November - -	92	39	58	245	118	7,062	473	427	2,828	11,342	26	436·23
December - -	75	36	55	222	89	6,709	380	360	2,630	10,556	25	422·24
Totals	965	458	669	3,205	1,177	85,910	5,372	5,390	37,602	140,748	308	456·97
Per cent. of Total Issues	·68	·32	·47	2·27	·83	61·03	3·81	3·82	26·71	...	..	...
Turnover of Stock - -	4·36	3·05	3·75	6·96	6·16	30·41	7·85	10·20	27·95	...	...	...

Total C rculation for Home Reading in the various Classes from the Central Lending and Branches.

1905.

	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.
Central - - - -	6,844	3,694	5,057	20,735	7,669	222,883	19,809	19,037	39,942
West Branch - - -	937	434	1,497	5,617	861	81,725	5,225	6,593	37,904
Portobello Branch - -	242	88	191	912	246	50,642	1,850	1,533	9,392
North Branch - - -	1,187	280	1,184	4,355	755	74,959	5,250	3,902	19,924
East Branch - - -	1,601	603	1,851	7,310	1,530	119,742	7,231	7,849	45,903
Morningside Branch - -	203	94	88	773	215	13,094	1,160	792	9,269
	11,014	5,193	9,868	39,702	11,276	563,045	40,525	39,706	162,334

1906.

Central - - - -	6,529	2,839	5,241	20,140	6,309	208,813	17,669	15,844	35,140
West Branch - - -	842	379	1,606	4,808	699	68,664	4,630	6,193	37,657
Portobello Branch - -	201	64	185	987	218	45,829	2,121	1,471	11,948
North Branch - - -	1,219	265	1,090	3,885	763	69,976	4,785	3,645	20,794
East Branch - - -	1,566	542	1,807	6,631	1,366	120,338	6,769	7,282	43,738
Morningside Branch - -	965	458	669	3,205	1,177	85,910	5,372	5,390	37,602
	11,322	4,547	10,598	39,656	10,532	599,530	41,346	39,825	186,879

LIST OF TECHNICAL BOOKS

IN THE

WEST BRANCH.

This List embraces Books on the following Trades, &c.:—

Architecture.
Boot and Shoe Manufacture.
Bread Manufacture.
Brewing.
Cabinetmaking.
Chemistry.
Coach-building.
Confectionery.
Engineering, Electrical.
,, Locomotive.
,, Mechanical.
French Polishing.
Horticultural Building.
Masonry and Building Work.
Painting and Decorating.
Plumbing.
Railway Working.
Rubber Work.
Surveying.
Tanning and Currying.
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— Masting, Mast-making, and Rigging of Ships. Kipping.
— Sails and Sailmaking. Kipping.
Slagg (C.) Sanitary Work in the Smaller Towns and Villages.
Slate and Slate Quarrying. Davies.
Smith (T. R.) Acoustics in Relation to Architecture and Building.
Smith's Joints. Christy.
Smithy and Forge. Crane.
Sommerfeldt (H. A.) Construction of Ships for Ocean and River Service.
— Atlas to Illustrate the Construction of Ships.
Stairbuilding and Handrailing. Mowat.
Staircases and Iron and Stone Steps. *See* Adams' Building Construction.
Steam Engine. *See* Engines.
— Turbine. Neilson.
Steel, Concrete-. Twelvetrees.
Stewart (R. W.) Second Stage Magnetism and Electricity.
Stone, Blasting and Quarrying of. Burgoyne.
— Complete Measurer. Horton.
— Masonry and Brickwork. Mitchell.
— Working Machinery. Bale.
Streets, Roads and, Construction of. Law and Clark.
Surveying as Practised by Civil Engineers and Surveyors. Whitelaw.
— Land and Engineering. Baker.
— Mine, Treatise on. Brough.
— Mineral Surveyor and Valuer's Guide. Lintern.
— Quantities. Fletcher.
— Subterraneous. Fenwick and Baker.
Sutcliffe (G. L.) Sanitary Fittings and Plumbing.
Swindell (J. G.) and Burnell (G. R.) Wells and Well-Sinking.

Tarn (E. W.) Construction of Roofs of Wood and Iron.
— Light: an Introduction to the Science of Optics, for the use of Students of Architecture, Engineering, &c.
Tate (R.) Rudimentary Treatise on Geology.
Part I.—Physical Geology. Part II.—Historical Geology.
Tayler (A. J. Wallis-). Refrigeration, Cold Storage, and Ice-Making.
Telegraphy. Herbert.
Telephone Handbook, Practical. Poole.
— Lines, Overhead and Underground. Owen.
Telephony, Practical. Bell and Wilson.
Templeton (W.) Practical Mechanic's Workshop Companion.
Thatcher (A. G. H.) Scaffolding, on the Design and Erection of Scaffolds, Gantries, and Stagings, with a chapter on the Legal Aspect of the Question.
Thompson (S. P.) Design of Dynamos.
Tiles, Bricks and, Manufacture of. Dobson.
Timber. *See* Wood.

Tomlinson (C.) Rudimentary Mechanics.
Tookey (W. A.) Gas Engines.
— Gas Producers for Power Purposes.
— Oil Engines.
Tools for Engineers and Woodworkers. Horner.
— Practical Mechanism and Machine. Baker.
Trees. *See* Forestry. Wood.
Tudsbery (J. H. T.) and Brightmore (A. W.) Principles of Waterworks Engineering.
Turbine, Steam. Neilson.
Turning, Art of: Lathe Work. Horner.
— English and American Lathes. Horner.
— Metal. Horner.
— Practical Metal. Horner.
Twelvetrees (W. N.) Concrete-Steel.
Treatise on the Theory and Practice of Reinforced Concrete Construction.

Urquhart (J. W.) Dynamo Construction.
— Electric Ship-Lighting.
— Sewing Machinery.

Valves and Valve-Gearing. Hurst.
Ventilating. *See* Adams' Building Construction.
Ventilation. Buchan.
— Heating by Hot Water, &c. Jones.

Walker (S. F.) Electric Lighting for Marine Engineers.
Warn (R. H.) and Horner (J. G.) Sheet-Metal Worker's Instructor.
Practical Rules for describing the Various Patterns required by Zinc, Sheet-Iron, Copper, and Tin-Plate Workers.
Warren (W. H.) Engineering Construction in Iron, Steel, and Timber.
Watchmaker's Handbook. Saunier.
Water, Power of, as Applied to Drive Flour Mills, &c. Glynn.
— Supply. Middleton.
— Supply, Irrigation and. Scott.
— Supply, Rural. Greenwell and Curry.
Waterworks Engineering, Principles of. Tudsbery and Brightmore.
Watt (A.) Art of Paper-Making.
— Electro-Metallurgy Practically Treated.
— Leather Manufacture.
Wells and Well-Sinking. Swindell and Burnell.
Wheeler (G. U.) Friction and its Reduction.
Wheels: Helical Gears. Horner.
— Toothed Gearing. Horner.
Whitelaw (J.) Surveying as Practised by Civil Engineers and Surveyors.
Wightwick (G.) Hints to Young Architects, with a Model Specification.
Wood. Boulger.
— Carving. Leland.
— Complete Measurer. Horton.
— Converting Machinery, Saw-Mill and. Bale.
— Engraving. Brown.
— Practical Forestry. Curtis.
— Timber Importer's Standard Guide. Grandy.
— Timbers Used in Building Construction. *See* Adams' Building Construction.
Woodwork, the English Sloyd. Barter.
Woodworkers, Engineers and, Tools for. Horner.
Woodworking Machinery. Bale.
— Machinery, Modern. Ransome.
Workshop Companion, Practical Mechanic's. Templeton.

Young (J. R.) Navigation and Nautical Astronomy.

Edinburgh Public Library.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT,

1907.

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THE most interesting event in connection with the organisation of the Library, during the year, was the opening of a Children's Room at the West Branch Library. The deputation which visited Branch Libraries in other parts of the country, found that rooms for children were very much taken advantage of, and that they had the further advantage of rendering the other departments of the Library less disturbed, and therefore more suitable for the ordinary readers to carry on their studies.

The thanks of the Library Committee are due to the Trustees of the late Thomas Nelson for their kindness in providing for this purpose their smaller Hall at the West Branch, after making certain necessary alterations thereon. This room measures 52 ft. by 18 ft., and in it were placed 613 volumes suitable for young people. It is open from 5 to 9 P.M., and from the opening on the 20th May last till the 31st December, there were issued to young people reading in the place 35,022 books, or a nightly average of 194. Excepting during the School holidays the room has been crowded every evening, and although considerable difficulty was experienced in keeping order at the beginning, the children now behave very well. The number seeking admission would fill the rooms three times over.

The reading of the young people in this room has had an influence for good on the ordinary reading of the Branch Library, and it will be seen that a large number of juveniles still make use of the section of the Library which provides books for them for home reading.

In many other towns the walls of the Children's Rooms are decorated with high-class prints, and it is to be hoped that the Committee may be able, at no distant date, to place some suitable prints, not only in the Children's Rooms, but on the walls of our Branch Library Reading Rooms.

Another development, quite as interesting in its way, was the formation in the Central Lending Library of what is known as the Musical Section. The Library has always contained all the musical literature which it was possible to collect, and is also very rich in musical biography, but it was felt that the absence of score music was a distinct want. Under the supervision of Mr William Cowan, Vice-Convener of the Books Committee, 557 volumes of vocal and instrumental music were added to the Library, and a catalogue of these, as well as of the works on Musical Literature in the Lending and Reference Libraries, was issued in November. This section has been largely taken advantage of, and the circulation to the end of the year was highly satisfactory, reaching to very nearly 200 volumes a week.

In this connection is to be noticed the addition to the Reference Library of the collection of Musical Literature formed by the late Robert A. Marr, consisting of 481 volumes and a number of manuscripts, presented by his executrix. Mr Marr was a frequenter of the Public Library from its commencement, and he always intended that his valuable collection should pass into the custody of the Library Committee. By Mrs Cargill's generosity, her brother's wishes in this respect have been carried out. A catalogue of the Marr Collection was issued as an appendix to the Catalogue of Music and Musical Literature.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The figures for the Reference Library for last year are 100,454, against 90,086 for the previous year.

With the exception of the Marr Collection already referred to, there have been very few presentations of consequence.

The re-typing of the catalogue on improved cards has occupied the greater part of the year, and the new cabinet which contains the catalogue from A to M is a great improvement on the old, and is also more acceptable to and more easily consulted by readers. It is hoped that during the year the remainder of the card catalogue will be similarly treated.

Hitherto the section to which unrestricted access is given

has been somewhat limited in its scope, but now that all dictionaries, encyclopædias, directories, and annuals have been placed in this section, it will be no longer necessary to take note of the number of books consulted in it. The Reference Library was more taken advantage of this year than during the previous year, the ladies' section being particularly well patronised. The higher class magazines are still retained on the tables of this room, and constantly perused by regular frequenters.

LENDING LIBRARY.

During the year 847,272 volumes were issued from the Central and Branch Libraries. Compared with the corresponding figures of 1906, there is a decrease in all the Libraries, with the exception of Portobello, that Branch showing an increase of 8,083. This increase is in some measure accounted for by the fact that in 1906 that Library was closed for six weeks. But the circulation of six weeks in 1906 was very much less than 8,083.

During the month of August this year the Central Library was closed, and on the total issues for the year there is a decrease of 34,183, 24,000 or 25,000 of this being due to the month in which it was closed. There are large decreases in Fiction and in books for juveniles, but there are substantial increases in the classes of Science and Art, History, and General Literature, as well as a small increase in Religion.

A new supplementary catalogue for the Central Library was prepared during the year, and will be issued early in 1908.

The total circulation for 1907 from the Central Lending Library and Branches is :—

Central - - - -	284,341
West Branch - - - -	106,366
Portobello Branch - - -	71,107
North Branch - - - -	101,047
East Branch - - - -	173,912
Morningside Branch - - -	110,499
Total - -	847,272

In addition, 100,454 works were consulted in the Reference Library, making a grand total for the year of 947,726.

The aggregate total for both departments of the Central

Library and the Branches from the dates of their opening to 31st December 1907 is :—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	1,543,297
Lending do. - -	8,232,933
West Branch - - - -	1,357,548
Portobello Branch - - -	700,318
North Branch - - - -	827,438
East Branch - - - -	748,450
Morningside Branch - - -	276,935
Total - -	13,686,919

One of the most difficult parts of the work in connection with the Libraries has been in replacing old editions and in withdrawing soiled and worn books and substituting clean and fresh copies. In the Central Library 2,398 volumes were purchased for replacement, at a cost of £443. 15s. 8½d.

West Branch - -	313 vols. costing	£40	5	3½
Portobello Branch -	601 „ „	91	16	10
North Branch - -	772 „ „	127	12	7
East Branch - -	447 „ „	53	19	5
Morningside Branch -	34 „ „	4	3	8

or a total of 4,565 volumes, costing £761. 13s. 6d.

In Portobello the whole stock was very carefully overhauled during the year, and 601 volumes replaced. This large number, along with the new purchases, has made the stock comparatively fresh, and has, no doubt, added to the popularity of the institution.

In the North Branch the largeness of the numbers replaced is owing to the fact that the accounts for the replacements of 1906 did not come in until early in 1907, and the numbers had to be credited to the year in which the money was paid. Details of stock and circulation will be found on pages 12–17.

The following tabulated statement shows the circulation for home reading in the various classes :—

1906.

	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.
Central - - -	6,529	2,839	5,241	20,140	6,309	208,813	17,669	15,844	35,140
West Branch - - -	842	379	1,606	4,808	699	68,664	4,630	6,193	37,657
Portobello Branch - -	201	64	185	987	218	45,829	2,121	1,471	11,948
North Branch - - -	1,219	265	1,090	3,885	763	69,976	4,785	3,645	20,794
East Branch - - -	1,566	542	1,807	6,631	1,366	120,338	6,769	7,282	43,738
Morningside Branch - -	965	458	669	3,205	1,177	85,910	5,372	5,390	37,602
Total - -	11,322	4,547	10,598	39,656	10,532	599,530	41,346	39,825	186,879

1907.

Central - - - -	6,683	2,628	5,069	21,978	5,908	174,632	18,595	16,827	32,021
West Branch - - -	613	237	1,045	3,633	584	62,001	3,317	3,822	31,114
Portobello Branch - -	271	93	264	1,101	258	50,862	2,201	1,518	14,539
North Branch - - -	1,047	265	846	3,476	657	65,753	4,186	3,989	20,828
East Branch - - -	1,410	522	1,519	6,307	1,165	110,029	5,747	6,330	40,883
Morningside Branch - -	836	323	399	2,249	907	75,413	3,646	3,967	22,759
Total - -	10,860	4,068	9,142	38,744	9,479	538,690	37,692	36,453	162,144

WEST BRANCH.

In this Branch the decrease is general in all the classes, although it must be borne in mind that the Library was closed from 31st August to 14th September, while the rooms were being painted and decorated. The decrease of 6,543 in the section for juveniles is accounted for, in large measure, by the young people doing a great part of their reading in the room set aside for them.

Details on page 13.

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

As already mentioned, there is an increase in the totals for 1907, of 8,083 as compared with the previous year. It is satisfactory to find that there is an increase in all the classes, although small, excepting in that of Fiction, and in literature for juveniles. Science and Art shows an increase of 114, the number of readers for 1906, in that class, being 987 against 1,101 in 1907.

Details on page 14.

NORTH BRANCH.

In the North Branch there are two classes which show a slight increase on that of last year, General Literature having an increase of 344, and books for juveniles 34. On the whole, however, there is a decrease of 5,375, but the improvement which began in the circulation of this Branch in July is being steadily maintained, and there is every hope of its continuing during the coming year.

Details on page 15.

EAST BRANCH.

In the East Branch the circulation has been going steadily down for some time. The circulation in January 1907 was 17,605. In the month of June it was only 11,611. From that point it has risen until, in December it was 14,143. As in the other Branches, the principal decreases were in Fiction and in juveniles' literature.

Details on page 16.

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

A very large decrease has taken place in the circulation from this Library, the total being no less than 30,249, 10,497 of these being works of Fiction, and 4,843 books for juveniles. The stock of books in Morningside is comparatively small, and the section for young people, containing 1,430 books, was very well patronised during the first year of this Library's existence.

Details on page 17.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

The Society for teaching the Adult Blind to read at their own homes circulated during last year 1,538 volumes in Moon type and 1,544 in Braille, besides 651 Magazines, making a total for the year of 3,733.

CENTRAL—BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1906, the number added and the total stock at the end of 1907.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1906.	Vols. added.	1907.
General	15,670	210	15,880
Philosophy	663	12	675
Religion	3,850	57	3,907
Sociology	4,434	228	4,662
Philology	1,150	19	1,169
Natural Science	2,770	118	2,888
Useful Arts	3,775	79	3,854
Fine Arts	3,644	523	4,167
Literature	12,987	237	13,224
History	13,955	364	14,319
Total ...	62,898	1,847	64,745

LENDING LIBRARY.

Class.	1906.	Vols. added.	1907.
Religion	4,673	60	4,733
Philosophy	833	22	855
Sociology	2,269	58	2,327
Science and Art	5,972	690	6,662
Poetry and Drama	1,749	12	1,761
Fiction	16,190	392	16,582
History, Biography, and Travel ...	7,522	125	7,647
General Literature	6,256	49	6,305
Juveniles' Literature	7,743	176	7,919
Total ...	53,207	1,584	54,791

BOOK STOCK.

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1906.	Vols. added.	1907.
Religion	443	11	454
Philosophy	124	2	126
Sociology	355	16	371
Science and Art	1,107	44	1,151
Poetry and Drama	201	4	205
Fiction	5,102	241	5,343
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,177	37	1,214
General Literature	692	15	707
Juveniles' Literature	2,216	129	2,345
Reference Books	176	23	199
Children's Room	...	613	613
Total ...	11,593	1,135	12,728

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1906.	Vols. added.	1907.
Religion	138	7	145
Philosophy	44	6	50
Sociology	108	10	118
Science and Art	503	16	519
Poetry and Drama	111	2	113
Fiction and Juveniles' Literature ...	4,539	247	4,786
History, Biography, and Travel ...	819	24	843
General Literature	481	13	494
Reference Books	107	4	111
Total ...	6,850	329	7,179

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1906.	Vols. added.	1907.
Religion	582	11	593
Philosophy	146	4	150
Sociology	351	13	364
Science and Art	1,288	37	1,325
Poetry and Drama	226	3	229
Fiction	5,658	269	5,927
History, Biography, and Travel ..	1,394	45	1,439
General Literature	757	11	768
Juveniles' Literature	2,365	102	2,467
Reference Books	215	25	240
Total ...	12,982	520	13,502

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1906.	Vols. added.	1907.
Religion	482	17	499
Philosophy	190	6	196
Sociology	347	21	368
Science and Art	996	38	1,034
Poetry and Drama	292	2	294
Fiction	5,670	287	5,957
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,273	36	1,309
General Literature	824	17	841
Juveniles' Literature	2,777	112	2,889
Reference Books	111	225	336
Total ...	12,962	761	13,723

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1906.	Vols. added.	1907.
Religion	221	13	234
Philosophy	150	7	157
Sociology	181	12	193
Science and Art	460	33	493
Poetry and Drama	191	3	194
Fiction	2,825	191	3,016
History, Biography, and Travel ...	684	32	716
General Literature	528	7	535
Juveniles' Literature	1,345	85	1,430
Reference Books	54	5	59
Total ...	6,639	388	7,027

ENTIRE STOCK.

	1906.	Vols. added.	1907.
Reference Library	62,898	1,847	64,745
Lending Library	53,207	1,584	54,791
West Branch	11,593	1,135	12,728
Portobello Branch	6,850	329	7,179
North Branch	12,982	520	13,502
East Branch	12,962	761	13,723
Morningside Branch ...	6,639	388	7,027
Total ...	167,131	6,564	173,695

Reference Library—Statistics for 1907.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	3,490	330	309	391	134	480	767	538	1,651	1,391	9,481	27	351·14
February - -	3,221	292	256	401	111	540	749	527	1,949	1,320	9,366	24	390·25
March - -	3,515	423	305	464	138	646	849	594	2,353	1,475	10,762	26	413·92
April - -	2,947	68	218	471	78	343	733	629	974	1,030	7,491	25	299·64
May - -	3,100	51	192	372	105	420	783	422	1,209	1,029	7,683	26	295·5
June - -	3,047	58	100	303	118	494	613	338	1,206	926	7,203	25	288·12
July - -	3,437	110	96	236	133	287	523	427	614	1,148	7,011	27	259·66
August - -	3,160	80	106	152	79	222	469	394	717	991	6,370	27	235.92
September -	2,981	87	155	195	120	373	431	520	1,056	1,146	7,064	24	294·33
October - -	3,442	183	228	448	197	518	694	480	1,793	1,260	9,243	27	342·07
November -	3,253	258	242	601	136	525	793	544	2,011	1,628	9,991	26	384·26
December -	3,232	180	222	422	190	345	717	562	1,674	1,245	8,789	25	351·56
Totals -	38,825	2,120	2,429	4,456	1,539	5,193	8,121	5,975	17,207	14,589	100,454	309	325·09
Per cent. of Total Issues	38·64	2·11	2·41	4·43	1·53	5·16	8·08	5·94	17·12	14·52	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	2·44	3·14	·62	·95	1·31	1·79	2·10	1·43	1·30	1·01	...	...	...

Lending Library—Central—Statistics for 1907.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	586	249	495	2,117	712	17,547	2,160	1,692	2,986	28,544	26	1,097·84
February - -	601	315	560	2,413	652	16,037	2,157	1,594	3,167	27,496	24	1,145·66
March - - -	759	273	494	2,432	706	16,744	2,121	1,821	4,076	29,426	26	1,131·76
April - - -	630	238	493	2,088	562	15,807	1,612	1,536	2,838	25,804	25	1,032·16
May - - - -	559	243	426	1,938	556	14,927	1,418	1,378	2,346	23,791	26	915·03
June - - -	476	156	294	1,427	428	14,018	1,068	995	2,056	20,918	25	836·72
July - - - -	457	177	340	1,253	382	15,844	1,210	1,131	2,544	23,338	27	864·37
August* - -	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
September -	531	229	415	1,630	390	15,096	1,422	1,315	3,471	24,499	24	1,020·79
October - -	713	241	510	2,109	501	16,459	1,783	1,736	2,399	26,451	27	979·66
November - -	733	274	579	2,157	565	16,963	1,893	1,998	3,014	28,176	26	1,083·30
December - -	638	233	463	2,414	454	15,190	1,751	1,631	3,124	25,898	25	1,035·92
Totals - -	6,683	2,628	5,069	21,978	5,908	174,632	18,595	16,827	32,021	284,341	281	1,011·88
Totals, 1906 -	6,529	2,839	5,241	20,140	6,309	208,813	17,669	15,844	35,140	318,524	308	1,034·16
Per cent. of Total Issues	2·35	·92	1·78	7·72	2·07	61·41	6·53	5·91	11·27	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	1·41	3·07	2·17	3·12	3·35	10·53	2·03	2·66	4·04	...	...	...

* Closed during August.

Lending Library—West Branch—Statistics for 1907.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Books.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	94	37	164	454	64	6,488	392	620	4,060	12,373	26	475·88
February - -	90	39	140	500	60	6,439	417	618	3,930	12,233	25	489·32
March - - -	87	37	151	485	69	6,871	414	593	3,586	12,293	26	472·80
April - - -	57	25	111	395	50	6,126	327	527	2,990	10,608	24	442·
May - - - -	53	17	65	257	28	5,065	227	334	2,453	8,499	26	326·88
June - - -	37	9	50	228	40	4,296	196	121	1,944	6,921	25	276·84
July - - - -	19	8	49	191	33	4,051	168	128	1,928	6,575	27	243·51
August - - -	18	11	57	225	48	4,906	235	143	2,071	7,714	27	285·70
September* -	17	5	25	144	20	2,361	98	89	861	3,620	12	301·66
October - -	44	14	68	242	60	5,153	270	212	2,056	8,119	27	300·70
November - -	60	19	94	273	59	5,162	272	243	2,506	8,688	26	334·15
December - -	37	16	71	239	53	5,083	301	194	2,729	8,723	25	348·92
Totals - - -	613	237	1,045	3,633	584	62,001	3,317	3,822	31,114	106,366	296	359·34
Totals, 1906 -	842	379	1,606	4,808	699	68,664	4,630	6,193	37,657	125,478	288	435·65
Per cent. of Total Issues	·57	·22	·98	3·41	·54	58·29	3·11	3·59	29·25	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	1·35	1·88	2·81	3·15	2·84	11·6	2·73	7·4	13·26	...	...	...

* Closed from 31st August to 14th September

Lending Library—Portobello Branch—Statistics for 1907.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	30	12	26	100	22	5,269	254	203	1,669	7,585	26	291·73
February - -	24	5	27	100	26	5,010	226	129	1,565	7,112	24	296·33
March - - -	21	4	16	81	17	5,174	183	127	1,462	7,085	26	272·5
April - - -	23	11	16	103	26	4,449	185	103	1,160	6,076	25	243·04
May - - -	22	8	19	89	19	3,848	156	98	856	5,115	26	196·73
June - - -	17	6	18	65	17	3,237	154	64	682	4,260	25	170·4
July - - - -	14	4	9	60	16	3,133	136	102	693	4,167	27	154·33
August - - -	10	2	14	69	11	3,378	131	107	705	4,427	27	163·96
September -	24	5	14	85	14	3,683	130	89	688	4,732	24	197·16
October - -	22	12	35	103	26	4,338	207	125	1,158	6,026	27	223·18
November -	35	9	37	123	35	4,773	224	170	1,930	7,336	26	282·15
December - -	29	15	33	123	29	4,570	215	201	1,971	7,186	25	287·44
Totals - - -	271	93	264	1,101	258	50,862	2,201	1,518	14,539	71,107	308	230·86
Totals, 1906 -	201	64	185	987	218	45,829	2,121	1,471	11,948	*63,024	266	236·93
Per cent. of Total Issues	·38	·13	·37	1·54	·36	71·52	3·09	2·13	20·44	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	1·86	1·86	2·23	2·12	2·28	10·62	2·51	3·25	...	...	...	...

* Closed during August and part of September 1906.

Lending Library—North Branch—Statistics for 1907.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	91	31	102	319	76	6,122	457	420	2,014	9,632	26	370·46
February - -	93	35	73	328	68	5,672	420	370	1,959	9,018	24	375·75
March - - -	99	23	92	365	57	5,727	390	379	1,915	9,047	26	347·95
April - - -	92	17	68	297	53	5,296	310	347	1,989	8,469	25	338·76
May - - -	60	21	60	260	47	5,244	309	261	1,703	7,965	26	306·34
June - - -	56	21	54	226	33	4,610	250	234	1,405	6,889	25	275·56
July - - - -	68	17	38	193	41	4,562	230	251	1,386	6,786	27	251·33
August - - -	50	14	44	235	34	5,210	290	277	1,041	7,195	27	266·48
September -	69	9	51	262	48	5,298	286	293	1,164	7,480	24	311·66
October - -	120	26	67	342	68	5,939	383	341	1,796	9,082	27	373·77
November - -	135	33	99	363	73	6,259	434	403	2,242	10,041	26	386·19
December - -	114	18	98	286	59	5,814	427	413	2,214	9,443	25	374·56
Totals - - -	1,047	265	846	3,476	657	65,753	4,186	3,989	20,828	101,047	308	328·07
Totals, 1906 -	1,219	265	1,090	3,885	763	69,976	4,785	3,645	20,794	106,422	308	345·52
Per cent. of Total Issues	1·03	·26	0·83	3·44	·65	65·07	4·14	3·94	20·61	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	1·76	1·76	2·32	2·62	2·86	11·09	2·90	5·19	8·44	...	...	...

Lending Library—East Branch—Statistics for 1907.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days open.	Daily Average.
January - -	176	45	159	690	128	10,766	664	663	4,314	17,605	26	677·11
February - -	169	61	146	711	131	10,210	655	621	4,507	17,211	24	712·12
March - - -	118	61	158	657	132	10,744	546	635	4,307	17,358	26	667·61
April - - -	108	59	126	551	93	9,768	510	521	3,487	15,223	25	668·92
May - - - -	82	40	101	538	78	9,054	439	469	2,934	13,735	26	528·26
June - - -	63	27	76	373	73	7,737	383	358	2,521	11,611	25	464·44
July - - - -	57	10	58	357	51	7,650	322	343	2,799	11,647	27	431·37
August - - -	105	31	98	413	60	8,422	402	442	2,537	12,510	27	463·33
September -	108	38	110	468	91	8,189	395	510	2,577	12,486	24	520·25
October - -	140	39	156	552	89	9,207	494	550	3,226	14,453	27	535·29
November - -	151	65	164	549	124	9,763	500	711	3,903	15,930	26	612·69
December - -	133	46	167	448	115	8,519	437	507	3,771	14,143	25	565·72
Totals - - -	1,410	522	1,519	6,307	1,165	110,029	5,747	6,330	40,883	173,912	308	564·64
Totals, 1906 -	1,566	542	1,807	6,631	1,366	120,338	6,769	7,282	43,738	190,039	308	617·00
Per cent. of Total Issues	·81	·30	·87	3·62	·66	63·20	3·30	3·63	23·50	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	2·82	2·80	4·12	6·09	3·96	18·47	4·38	7·52	14·49	...	...	...

Lending Library—Morningside Branch—Statistics for 1907.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	97	45	55	233	98	7,037	450	407	2,745	11,167	26	429·51
February - -	84	47	53	234	116	6,910	395	346	2,388	10,573	24	407·20
March - - -	89	41	33	229	114	7,146	400	333	2,308	10,693	26	411·24
April - - -	79	23	33	206	67	6,801	295	286	2,147	9,937	25	397·48
May - - -	68	22	35	181	85	6,753	325	290	1,813	9,572	26	368·15
June - - -	51	12	18	158	64	5,301	229	297	1,345	7,475	25	229·
July - - - -	47	7	15	137	58	4,895	179	273	1,491	7,102	27	300·07
August - - -	41	20	17	155	56	5,266	188	249	1,400	7,392	27	263·03
September - -	62	34	35	157	52	5,557	208	260	1,398	7,763	24	273·77
October - -	88	30	39	180	63	6,732	320	451	1,678	9,581	27	354·85
November - -	75	28	38	208	71	6,736	344	430	1,987	9,917	26	381·
December - -	55	14	28	171	63	6,279	313	345	2,059	9,327	25	373·08
Totals - - -	836	323	399	2,249	907	75,413	3,646	3,967	22,759	110,499	308	358·76
Totals 1906 -	965	458	669	3,205	1,177	85,910	5,372	5,390	37,602	140,748	308	456·97
Per cent. of Total Issues	·75	·29	·36	2·03	·82	68·24	3·29	3·59	20·59	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	3·57	2·05	2·01	4·56	4·67	25·00	5·09	7·41	1·59	...	...	...

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT,

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REFERENCE LIBRARY.

SINCE the first of April the figures for the books in the portion of the Library where books can be consulted without going through the formality of presenting a form of application have not been taken into account. Up till then the numbers for these were about 100 per day. When this is taken into account it will be seen that in place of a decrease for the year there is an increase in every class except History, which shows a small decrease. The total increase is upwards of 8,000. It may be stated generally that this department of the Library has all along continued to be patronised by men and women who make the study of books in some measure a part of their daily work. One of the satisfactory features of the table of figures on page 7 is an increase of over a thousand issues of books in the section of Useful Arts, a section to which particular attention has been paid for some time back.

LENDING LIBRARIES.

It will be seen at a glance at the tables of Statistics for the Central and Branch Libraries that from May to October the circulation of books for home reading was very much below the average of the other months. Both the good weather of the summer and autumn, and the attractions of the Scottish National Exhibition, influenced home reading from the Libraries to a great extent, as the figures show. Still the Central Lending Library, except for the months mentioned, shows increases in almost every class, the total increase over the circulation of last year being 19,744. There was a small

decrease in the reading of philosophical works and a large decrease in the Juveniles' Section, but it is satisfactory to note that in the class of Science and Art, which includes Music, the increase has been nearly 5,000. The Juveniles' Library is being overhauled at present, with the view of issuing a new Catalogue in the summer.

Stockbridge and Portobello Branches also show increases—the former 1,102, and the latter 2,207. The Stockbridge Branch was closed from the 8th to 22nd August while it was being painted. Judging by the returns for July and September, the increase for the year, but for the time closed, would have been almost 3,000 more. Every class in Portobello Branch, except those of Religion and History, shows increases. The catalogue of this Branch is being revised and the books examined, with the view of issuing a complete catalogue up to date.

In the other three Branches there are large decreases—that in the East Branch is 13,636, in the West 12,784, and in Morningside 10,283. In the West Branch the new room for young people is largely patronised, and from 400 to 500 books are issued each evening. This has affected the reading in the ordinary Juveniles' Section of the Branch, where there is a decrease of 3,836 for the year. It has also to be remarked about this Branch that since the closing of the Exhibition it has shown an upward tendency in the circulation for home reading.

In both the East and Morningside Branches there is a slight rise in the reading of books in the class headed Sociology, which includes Law, Politics, Education, and Commerce. In the East Branch there is also an increase in Poetry and Drama.

The total circulation for 1908 from the Central Lending Library and Branches is :—

Central - - - -	303,085
West Branch - - - -	93,582
Portobello Branch - - -	73,314
North Branch - - - -	102,149
East Branch - - - -	160,276
Morningside Branch - - -	100,216
Total - -	832,622

In addition, 78,528 works were consulted in the Reference Library, making a grand total for the year of 911,150.

The aggregate total for both departments of the Central Library and the Branches from the dates of their opening to 31st December 1908 is :—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	1,621,825
Lending do. - -	8,536,018
West Branch - - - -	1,451,130
Portobello Branch - - -	773,632
North Branch - - - -	929,587
East Branch - - - -	908,726
Morningside Branch - - -	377,151
Total - -	14,598,069

The various tables, showing the stock and the Circulation of the Central and Branch Libraries, are appended.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

The Secretary to the Society for teaching the Adult Blind to read at their own homes reports that for 1908 the circulation of volumes in Moon and Braille type was 4,431 compared with a total of 3,733 for 1907.

NEWS ROOMS.

These continue to be frequented very much as in previous years.

CENTRAL—BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1907, the number added and the total stock at the end of 1908.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1907.	Vols. added.	1908.
General	15,880	142	16,022
Philosophy	675	17	692
Religion	3,907	66	3,973
Sociology	4,662	271	4,933
Philology	1,169	24	1,193
Natural Science	2,888	90	2,978
Useful Arts	3,854	280	4,134
Fine Arts	4,167	165	4,332
Literature	13,224	154	13,378
History	14,319	303	14,622
Total ...	64,745	1,512	66,257

LENDING LIBRARY.

Class.	1907.	Vols. added.	1908.
Religion	4,733	59	4,792
Philosophy	855	15	870
Sociology	2,327	54	2,381
Science and Art	6,662	79	6,741
Poetry and Drama	1,761	2	1,763
Fiction	16,582	353	16,935
History, Biography, and Travel ...	7,647	92	7,739
General Literature	6,305	51	6,356
Juveniles' Literature	7,919	127	8,046
Total ...	54,791	832	55,623

BOOK STOCK.

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1907.	Vols. added.	1908.
Religion	454	15	469
Philosophy	126	2	128
Sociology	371	18	389
Science and Art	1,151	37	1,188
Poetry and Drama	205	7	212
Fiction	5,343	286	5,629
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,214	54	1,268
General Literature	709	15-76	648
Juveniles' Literature	2,345	126	2,471
Reference Books	199	—	199
Children's Room	613	19	632
Total ...	12,730	579-76	13,233

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1907.	Vols. added.	1908.
Religion	145	8	153
Philosophy	50	4	54
Sociology	118	8	126
Science and Art	519	10	529
Poetry and Drama	113	5	118
Fiction and Juveniles' Literature ...	4,786	253	5,039
History, Biography, and Travel ...	843	28	871
General Literature	494	18	512
Reference Books	111	10	121
Total ...	7,179	344	7,523

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1907.	Vols. added.	1908.
Religion	593	11	604
Philosophy	150	2	152
Sociology	364	17	381
Science and Art	1,325	33	1,358
Poetry and Drama	229	3	232
Fiction	5,927	247	6,174
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,439	37	1,476
General Literature	768	12	780
Juveniles' Literature	2,467	113	2,580
Reference Books	240	—	240
Total ...	13,502	475	13,977

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1907.	Vols. added.	1908.
Religion	499	10	509
Philosophy	196	5	201
Sociology	368	21	389
Science and Art	1,034	30	1,064
Poetry and Drama	294	3	297
Fiction	5,957	310	6,267
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,309	29	1,338
General Literature	841	17	858
Juveniles' Literature	2,889	112	3,001
Reference Books	336	1	337
Total ...	13,723	538	14,261

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1907.	Vols. added.	1908.
Religion	234	9	243
Philosophy	157	—	157
Sociology	193	3	196
Science and Art	493	13	506
Poetry and Drama	194	2	196
Fiction	3,016	278	3,294
History, Biography, and Travel ...	716	22	738
General Literature	535	11	546
Juveniles' Literature	1,430	87	1,517
Reference Books	59	—	59
Total ...	7,027	425	7,452

TOTAL STOCK.

	1907.	Vols. added.	1908.
Reference Library	64,745	1,512	66,257
Lending Library	54,791	832	55,623
West Branch	12,730	503	13,233
Portobello Branch	7,179	344	7,523
North Branch	13,502	475	13,977
East Branch	13,723	538	14,261
Morningside Branch ...	7,027	425	7,452
Total ...	173,697	4,629	178,326

Reference Library—Statistics for 1908.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	1,408	293	264	594	202	545	897	795	2,151	1,426	8,575	26	329·80
February - -	1,265	325	288	628	175	665	945	549	3,065	1,818	9,723	25	388·92
March - -	1,041	270	239	503	178	601	1,007	456	2,691	1,143	8,129	26	312·65
April - -	627	58	199	317	131	305	806	510	1,064	1,162	5,179	26	199·19
May - -	436	89	182	299	145	456	673	398	1,290	909	4,877	26	187·57
June - -	505	108	117	524	76	423	532	326	1,735	826	5,172	26	198·92
July - -	630	62	132	317	106	322	567	391	1,306	1,098	4,931	27	182·62
August - -	574	52	108	225	106	271	485	485	1,239	1,111	4,656	26	179.07
September -	879	96	140	332	133	308	662	485	1,322	1,198	5,505	25	220·20
October - -	854	233	224	391	160	442	836	563	1,995	1,097	6,795	27	251·66
November -	879	329	284	507	169	576	1,030	619	2,449	1,494	8,336	25	333·44
December -	688	302	266	385	134	426	744	549	2,241	915	6,650	26	255·76
Totals -	9,786	2,217	2,443	5,022	1,715	5,340	9,184	6,076	22,548	14,197	78,528	311	252·50
Totals 1907 -	38,825	2,120	2,429	4,456	1,539	5,193	8,121	5,975	17,207	14,589	100,454	309	325·09
Per cent. of Total Issues	12·46	2·82	3·11	6·39	2·18	6·80	11·69	7·73	28·71	18·07	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	·61	3·20	·61	1·02	1·44	1·79	2·22	1·40	1·68	·97	...	...	...

Lending Library—Central—Statistics for 1908.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	717	245	543	2,736	496	16,277	1,885	1,867	2,752	27,518	26	1,058·38
February - -	755	280	613	3,180	533	17,101	1,972	1,886	3,072	29,392	25	1,175·68
March - - -	713	238	536	3,165	503	17,378	2,008	1,878	3,538	29,957	26	1,113·73
April - - -	549	199	441	2,453	402	15,967	1,632	1,449	3,054	26,146	25	1,045·84
May - - - -	549	211	401	1,944	325	13,642	1,325	1,334	2,283	22,014	25	880·56
June - - -	485	185	378	1,618	306	12,353	1,294	1,167	1,862	19,648	26	755·69
July - - - -	381	174	325	1,424	248	13,564	1,248	1,039	1,919	20,322	27	752·66
August - - -	414	142	318	1,416	254	14,699	1,206	1,159	1,704	21,312	26	819·69
September - -	475	178	381	1,755	342	16,589	1,445	1,326	2,139	24,630	25	985·2
October - -	668	266	551	2,287	398	16,636	1,840	1,652	2,558	26,856	27	994·66
November - -	759	272	643	2,641	471	16,803	2,249	2,036	2,642	28,516	25	1,140·64
December - -	690	188	508	2,315	456	16,293	1,907	1,830	2,607	26,774	26	1,029·76
Totals - -	7,155	2,578	5,638	26,934	4,714	187,302	20,011	18,623	30,130	303,085	309	980·85
Totals, 1907 -	6,683	2,628	5,069	21,978	5,908	174,632	18,595	16,827	32,021	284,341	281	1,011·88
Per cent. of Total Issues	2·33	·85	1·86	8·88	1·55	61·79	6·60	6·14	9·94	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	1·49	2·96	2·36	3·99	2·67	11·07	2·58	2·94	3·74	...	...	...

Lending Library—West Branch—Statistics for 1908.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	56	11	88	240	39	5,526	320	221	2,571	9,072	26	348·92
February - -	44	20	76	261	63	5,586	335	214	2,480	9,079	25	363·16
March - - -	54	12	92	290	47	5,630	379	199	2,766	9,469	26	364·19
April - - -	35	17	56	187	31	5,046	229	178	2,284	8,063	25	322·52
May - - - -	28	12	44	160	25	4,219	180	150	1,646	6,464	25	258·56
June - - -	20	6	61	156	25	3,587	194	129	1,473	5,651	26	217·34
July - - - -	21	13	51	124	19	3,693	161	126	1,542	5,750	27	212·96
August - - -	25	11	53	149	28	4,173	184	159	1,525	6,307	26	242·57
September -	32	7	82	228	38	4,572	229	164	1,588	6,940	25	277·6
October - -	39	22	75	239	51	4,845	244	188	1,986	7,689	27	284·77
November - -	51	19	105	344	56	5,585	380	242	2,488	9,270	25	370·8
December - -	41	14	104	373	71	5,977	402	245	2,601	9,828	26	378
Totals - - -	446	164	887	2,751	493	58,439	3,237	2,215	24,950	93,582	309	302·85
Totals, 1907 -	613	237	1,045	3,633	584	62,001	3,317	3,822	31,114	106,366	296	359·34
Per cent. of Total Issues	·47	·17	·94	2·93	·52	62·44	3·45	2·36	26·66	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	·95	1·28	2·28	2·31	2·32	10·38	2·55	3·41	10·09	...	...	...

Lending Library—Portobello Branch—Statistics for 1908.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	25	11	28	120	33	4,839	218	197	1,853	7,324	26	281·69
February - -	26	9	30	133	40	5,372	246	176	1,829	7,861	25	314·44
March - - -	19	4	31	106	34	5,161	208	164	1,631	7,358	26	283
April - - -	16	4	20	90	26	4,608	175	116	1,341	6,396	25	255·84
May - - -	7	6	14	72	22	4,029	113	91	966	5,320	25	212·8
June - - -	13	3	11	88	10	3,264	114	76	762	4,341	26	166·96
July - - - -	11	5	16	69	15	3,342	101	111	638	4,308	27	159·55
August - - -	10	2	19	63	16	3,385	89	104	669	4,357	26	167·57
September -	12	7	25	82	22	3,818	134	133	776	5,009	25	200·36
October - -	17	9	24	99	17	4,687	190	151	1,112	6,306	27	233·55
November -	41	17	31	133	22	5,139	275	168	1,532	7,358	25	294·32
December - -	34	16	34	114	25	5,025	313	212	1,603	7,376	26	283·69
Totals - - -	231	93	283	1,169	282	52,669	2,176	1,699	14,712	73,314	309	237·26
Totals, 1907 -	271	93	264	1,101	258	50,862	2,201	1,518	14,539	71,107	308	230·86
Per cent. of Total Issues	·31	·12	·38	·15	·38	71·84	2·96	2·31	20·06	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	1·50	1·72	2·24	2·20	2·38	10·45	2·49	3·31	121·58	...	...	...

Lending Library—North Branch—Statistics for 1908.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	88	22	74	333	51	6,098	450	397	2,109	9,622	26	370·07
February - -	99	30	66	355	67	6,342	437	356	2,113	9,865	25	394·6
March - - -	90	30	76	354	77	6,299	445	324	2,371	10,066	26	387·14
April - - -	73	10	63	299	45	5,752	354	255	1,924	8,775	25	351
May - - -	75	12	71	202	43	5,251	318	305	1,823	8,100	25	324
June - - -	56	11	48	176	30	4,575	294	184	1,385	6,759	26	259·96
July - - - -	36	7	32	187	38	5,116	220	183	1,387	7,206	27	266·8
*August - -	28	5	31	134	28	3,342	138	137	802	4,645	14	331·78
September -	54	9	65	267	39	5,745	305	256	1,675	8,415	25	336·6
October - -	62	21	63	293	61	6,208	358	341	1,898	9,305	27	344·62
November - -	79	25	71	297	54	6,487	392	328	2,083	9,816	25	392·64
December - -	59	15	71	299	69	6,119	366	314	2,263	9,575	26	368·26
Totals - - -	799	197	731	3,196	602	67,334	4,077	3,380	21,833	102,149	297	343·59
Totals, 1907 -	1,047	265	846	3,476	657	65,753	4,186	3,989	20,828	101,047	308	328·07
Per cent. of Total Issues	·78	·19	·71	3·12	·58	65·91	3·99	3·30	21·37	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	1·32	1·29	1·91	2·35	2·59	10·90	2·76	4·33	8·46	...	...	...

* Closed from the 8th to the 22nd.

Lending Library—East Branch—Statistics for 1908.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days open.	Daily Average.
January - -	114	52	174	468	136	8,659	499	474	3,530	14,106	26	542·53
February - -	136	61	181	519	130	9,373	530	519	3,795	15,244	25	609·76
March - - -	129	42	149	555	133	9,204	523	463	3,753	14,951	26	575·03
April - - -	116	26	133	440	102	8,768	443	450	3,645	14,123	25	564·92
May - - - -	88	30	107	374	94	8,016	362	362	2,946	12,379	25	495·16
June - - -	73	13	102	365	76	6,791	343	294	2,498	10,555	26	405·96
July - - - -	70	24	65	346	78	7,394	328	280	2,435	11,020	27	408·14
August - - -	64	25	93	366	87	7,627	316	312	2,253	11,143	26	428·5
September - -	70	34	134	462	37	8,658	364	342	2,643	12,744	25	509·76
October - -	118	68	204	478	108	9,509	450	483	3,228	14,646	27	542·44
November - -	124	53	192	527	147	9,342	560	543	3,461	14,949	25	597·96
December - -	108	44	173	459	121	9,042	464	472	3,533	14,416	26	554·46
Totals - - -	1,210	472	1,707	5,359	1,249	102,383	5,182	4,994	37,720	160,276	309	515·45
Totals, 1907 -	1,410	522	1,519	6,307	1,165	110,029	5,747	6,330	40,883	173,912	308	564·64
Per cent. of Total Issues	·75	·29	1·06	3·34	·77	63·87	3·23	3·11	23·47	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	2·37	2·34	4·38	5·03	4·54	16·33	3·87	5·82	12·56	...	...	...

Lending Library—Morningside Branch—Statistics for 1908.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	86	28	27	151	64	6,664	349	357	2,082	9,808	26	377·23
February - -	52	33	42	200	76	7,395	288	365	1,954	10,405	25	416·2
March - - -	64	26	40	211	65	6,999	262	336	1,941	9,944	26	382·46
April - - -	49	21	29	164	49	6,536	252	289	1,762	9,151	25	366·04
May - - -	41	10	24	140	31	5,641	222	189	1,284	7,582	25	303·28
June - - -	44	10	22	99	35	4,507	174	182	1,026	6,099	26	234·57
July - - - -	43	10	19	94	49	4,977	186	181	958	6,517	27	241·37
August - - -	45	18	21	112	29	4,731	198	169	920	6,243	26	240·11
September - -	56	18	39	160	38	5,759	268	301	1,137	7,776	25	311·04
October - -	68	28	46	177	82	6,155	292	327	1,281	8,456	27	313·18
November - -	68	70	49	190	73	6,289	343	335	1,604	9,021	25	360·84
December - -	81	47	45	219	73	6,360	354	327	1,708	9,214	26	354·38
Totals - - -	697	319	403	1,917	664	72,013	3,188	3,358	17,657	100,216	309	324·32
Totals 1907 -	836	323	399	2,249	907	75,413	3,646	3,967	22,759	110,499	308	358·76
Per cent. of Total Issues	·69	·31	·40	1·91	·66	71 85	3·18	3·35	17·61	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	2·86	2·03	2·05	3·78	3·38	21·86	4·20	32·33	11·63	...	...	...

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Edinburgh Public Library.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT,

1909.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit the following as my Report for the year 1909, viz. :—

GENERAL.

In my Report for last year large decreases were noted in the East, West, and Morningside Branches, but this year it is gratifying to have to report increases in the Central Library and all the Branches, excepting a small decrease of 381 in the North Branch, which is accounted for by the Library being closed from the 21st to the 29th April, and of 15 in the Morningside Branch.

In the Central Library the increase for the year is 11,786, and in the West Branch no less than 6,059. Portobello, for its size, shows a remarkable increase of 3,704, while the East Branch has an increase of 2,082.

In the West Branch the Children's Room has been greatly taken advantage of, but in the months of May, June, and July the attendance was very meagre indeed. In January, February, March, and April the average attendance was 4,500 per month, while in the three months already mentioned the average fell to a little over 600 per month. It rose again in the month of August to 1,000, and has increased, until in November it was 5,376, and for the month of December 9,286. 45,147 books were given out in this room during 1909.

In connection with the Branch Libraries, I have to refer to a matter which has given a little trouble for some time now, viz.,

the removal of books from the collection of Reference Books placed on open shelves in the Branches.

The most serious is in the West Branch, from which no fewer than eleven volumes are missing. Four of these are valuable Works, one of them being Hiscox's "Twentieth Century Book of Recipes," costing 12s 6d. nett. The person who has taken it away is running a risk of being found out and prosecuted, as the book bears the Library stamp on almost every page. Attfield's "Chemistry," costing 15s.; Pearce's "Painting and Decorating," costing 12s. 6d.; and Rosengarten's "Handbook of Architectural Styles," costing 7s. 6d., were also taken away. The others are cheap books. The total value amounts to fifty shillings.

From the North Branch two books have been taken. One of them, Adams' "Motor Car Mechanism," cost 3s. 6d., and the other, Wall's "Dictionary of Photography," cost 10s. 6d.

In the East Branch, where the books are kept under lock and key, two volumes have also gone amissing. Jamieson's "Applied Mechanics" (21s.) was given to a reader, who, instead of handing it back, took it away from the Library some time ago, and has not returned it.

The total number of volumes circulated for home reading from the Lending Libraries, together with the number of Works consulted in the Reference Library (not taking the number of single volumes into account, and not including the constant daily references to Dictionaries, Directories, Encyclopædias, &c., on the shelves open to the public) from the dates of their opening till 31st December 1909 is a grand total of 15,534,106, made up thus:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	1,701,969
Lending do. - -	8,850,889
West Branch - - - -	1,550,807
Portobello Branch - - -	850,650
North Branch - - - -	1,031,355
East Branch - - - -	1,071,084
Morningside Branch - - -	477,352
Total - -	15,534,106

The Secretary to the Society for Teaching the Blind to Read at their own Homes, reports that the circulation of volumes in Moon and Braille type was 4,187, compared with 4,431 for 1908, the decrease being accounted for by a necessary cessation of the work while the books were being transferred to the Society's new premises at 38 Howe Street.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

During the year 1909, 1,319 books were added to the Reference Library, bringing the total stock of that department up to 67,573.

It is satisfactory to note that although a larger number of books than usual have been placed in what is termed the "open-access" section of the Reference Library, the numbers from the other departments show an increase of 1,616 during the year, the total number of works consulted being 80,144. The work has been very steady. There were decreases under the headings of General Books, Religion, Philology, and Literature, but Philosophy and Sociology show an increase, the latter of nearly 600 for the year, while in Natural Science there is an increase of over 500. The most outstanding increase is in the class "Useful Arts," which, combined with that of Fine Arts, gives an increase of 1,437. These two classes form what is usually termed the "Technical Section" of the Reference Department, and it is satisfactory that the attention given to it during the year has resulted in an increase in the number of works consulted by the public. These two classes of Useful Arts and Fine Arts have been showing steady increases for several years now. Last year there was in the class of Useful Arts alone an increase of over 1,000. As was remarked last year, this department of the Library is being more and more "patronised by men and women who make the study of books in some measure part of their daily work," and this continued to be a distinctive feature of the department during 1909. The decrease under the class "Literature" is exceptional, but there is a gratifying increase in the reading of History.

Details will be found on page 9.

LENDING LIBRARIES.

The total number of books given out for home reading from the Central and Branch Libraries for last year is no less than 855,893, made up thus :—

Central - - - -	314,871
West Branch - - - -	99,677
Portobello Branch - - -	77,018
North Branch - - - -	101,768
East Branch - - - -	162,358
Morningside Branch - - -	100,201
Total - -	855,893

In addition to these figures, 80,144 works were consulted in the Reference Library, making a grand total of 936,037.

In the Central there is a decrease of nearly 1,000 in the number of novels issued, and also decreases in the classes of Philosophy, Sociology, Science and Art. The total increase of 11,786 is made up by a substantial increase in books for juveniles, and an increase in General Literature, History, Biography and Travel, and Religion.

In the West Branch there are increases in every class except in books in the section for juveniles, which is affected by the Children's Room in the same building, in which 45,147 books were given out during the year. For details see page 11.

A very similar state of matters prevailed at Portobello, the only section showing a decrease being books for juveniles. The decrease of 7 in General Literature is hardly worth noting. For details see page 12.

In the North Branch (which was closed from 21st to 29th April) there is on the whole a decrease of 381, spread over Science and Art, History, Biography and Travel, General Literature, and Books for Juveniles, the increases being in Religion, Philosophy, Sociology, and Fiction. For details see page 13.

In the East Branch there are decreases in Sociology, Science and Art, General Literature, and Books for Juveniles, but there

are increases in the other classes, making for the year an increase of 2,082. For details see page 14.

In Morningside Branch the circulation is on the whole very much the same as last year, there being only a difference of 15 on the total. There is, however, a decrease of over 600 on Books for Juveniles, and of 236 in General Literature. All the other classes show increases, the largest being in Poetry and in History, Biography and Travel. For details see page 15.

The News Rooms at the Central and the Branches continue to be as much frequented as in former years.

The usual tables showing the stock of books, the number consulted, and issued for home reading, are appended.

There is also appended a list of the principal works added to the Reference Department during the year.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

HEW MORRISON.

31*st December* 1909.

APPENDIX I.

BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1908, the number added and the total stock at the end of 1909.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1908.	Vols. added.	1909.
General	16,022	129	16,151
Philosophy	692	23	715
Religion	3,973	94	4,067
Sociology	4,933	232	5,165
Philology	1,193	15	1,208
Natural Science	2,978	96	3,074
Useful Arts	4,134	142	4,276
Fine Arts	4,332	136	4,468
Literature	13,378	150	13,528
History	14,622	299	1,4921
Total ...	66,257	1,316	67,573

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Class.	1908.	Vols. added.	1909.
Religion	4,792	34	4,826
Philosophy	870	18	888
Sociology	2,381	26	2,407
Science and Art	6,741	58	6,799
Poetry and Drama	1,763	2	1,765
Fiction	16,935	327	17,262
History, Biography, and Travel ...	7,739	69	7,808
General Literature	6,356	35	6,391
Juveniles' Literature	8,046	130	8,176
Total ...	55,623	699	56,322

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1908.	Vols. added.	1909.
Religion	469	15	484
Philosophy	128	2	130
Sociology	389	18	407
Science and Art	1,188	37	1,225
Poetry and Drama	212	7	219
Fiction	5,629	223	5,852
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,268	44	1,312
General Literature	648	26	674
Juveniles' Literature	2,471	113	2,584
Reference Books	199	15	214
Children's Room	632	53	685
Total ...	13,233	553	13,786

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1908.	Vols. added.	1909.
Religion	153	10-33	130
Philosophy	54	1-4	51
Sociology	126	5-16	115
Science and Art	529	5-160	374
Poetry and Drama	118	18	100
Fiction	3,698	262-717	3,243
History, Biography, and Travel ...	871	34-96	809
General Literature	512	12-166	358
Juveniles' Literature	1,341	—	1,341
Reference Books	121	4-25	100
Total ...	7,523	333-1,235	6,621

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1908.	Vols. added.	1909.
Religion	604	14	618
Philosophy	152	3	155
Sociology	381	10	391
Science and Art	1,358	27	1,385
Poetry and Drama	232	2	234
Fiction	6,174	243	6,417
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,476	35	1,511
General Literature	780	14	794
Juveniles' Literature	2,580	94	2,674
Reference Books	240	8	248
Total ...	13,977	450	14,427

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1908.	Vols. added.	1909.
Religion	509	13	522
Philosophy	201	5	206
Sociology	389	21	410
Science and Art	1,064	38	1,102
Poetry and Drama	297	4	301
Fiction	6,267	309	6,576
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,338	25	1,363
General Literature	858	22	880
Juveniles' Literature	3,001	114	3,115
Reference Books	337	5	342
Total ...	14,261	556	14,817

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1908.	Vols. added.	1909.
Religion	243	6	249
Philosophy	157	—	157
Sociology	196	12	208
Science and Art	506	18	524
Poetry and Drama	196	1	197
Fiction	3,294	274	3,568
History, Biography, and Travel ...	738	26	764
General Literature	546	10	556
Juveniles' Literature	1,517	62	1,579
Reference Books	59	3	62
Total ...	7,452	412	7,864

TOTAL STOCK.

	1908.	Vols. added.	1909.
Reference Library	66,257	1,316	67,573
Lending Library	55,623	699	56,322
West Branch	13,233	553	13,786
Portobello Branch	7,523	333–1,235	6,621
North Branch	13,977	450	14,427
East Branch	14,261	556	14,817
Morningside Branch ...	7,542	412	7,864
Total ...	178,326	4,319–1,235	181,410

APPENDIX II. Reference Library—Statistics for 1909.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	819	237	227	502	124	427	881	545	2,435	1,393	7,590	25	303·6
February - -	712	399	268	636	155	592	953	549	2,843	1,730	8,837	24	368·20
March - -	813	282	283	519	194	522	1,144	482	2,184	1,156	7,579	27	280·70
April - -	670	72	151	361	155	385	768	444	1,307	1,107	5,420	25	216·8
May - -	643	86	174	328	154	479	725	434	1,395	988	5,406	25	216·24
June - -	595	146	111	370	106	623	821	458	1,655	1,056	5,941	26	228·5
July - -	776	77	87	235	128	531	532	520	1,153	768	4,807	27	178·03
August - -	974	77	133	339	104	248	705	500	963	1,331	5,374	26	206·69
September -	737	172	160	329	100	328	687	585	1,255	1,030	5,383	25	215·32
October - -	888	274	238	641	162	596	1,074	643	2,040	1,294	7,850	26	301·92
November -	851	346	284	791	179	577	1,039	626	2,387	1,432	8,512	26	327·38
December -	920	212	152	569	132	538	966	616	2,256	1,084	7,445	26	288·03
Totals -	9,398	2,380	2,268	5,620	1,693	5,846	10,295	6,402	21,873	14,369	80,144	308	260·20
Totals 1908 -	9,786	2,217	2,443	5,022	1,715	5,340	9,184	6,076	22,548	14,197	78,528	311	252·50
Per cent. of Total Issues	11·72	2·72	2·82	7·01	2·11	7·29	12·84	7·98	27·29	17·92	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	·58	3·32	·55	1·08	1·40	1·90	2·40	1·43	1·61	·96	...	...	...

Lending Library—Central—Statistics for 1909.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	709	256	628	2,638	434	17,097	2,035	2,012	2,894	28,703	25	1,148·12
February - -	721	282	606	2,504	448	16,212	1,981	2,020	3,168	27,942	24	1,164·25
March - - -	684	214	560	2,752	438	17,595	2,211	2,121	3,969	30,544	27	1,131·25
April - - -	619	156	433	2,255	358	16,139	1,811	1,733	3,409	26,913	25	1,076·52
May - - - -	533	167	384	1,995	350	14,963	1,749	1,533	3,453	25,127	25	1,005·08
June - - -	494	172	360	1,795	379	12,892	1,484	1,415	3,248	22,239	26	855·34
July - - - -	441	128	260	1,454	325	13,798	1,407	1,261	3,183	22,257	27	824·33
August - - -	428	137	331	1,383	273	13,626	1,382	1,240	2,796	21,596	26	792·15
September - -	583	170	421	2,052	315	15,905	1,567	1,411	3,095	25,519	25	1,020·76
October - -	710	237	604	2,663	451	16,591	2,128	1,917	3,419	28,720	26	1,104·61
November - -	724	245	551	2,493	426	16,328	2,062	1,973	4,107	28,909	26	1,111·88
December - -	599	184	482	2,152	309	15,236	1,847	1,790	3,803	26,402	26	1,015·46
Totals - -	7,245	2,348	5,620	26,136	4,506	186,382	21,664	20,426	40,544	314,871	308	1,022·30
Totals, 1908 -	7,155	2,578	5,638	26,934	4,714	187,302	20,011	18,623	30,130	303,085	309	980·85
Per cent. of Total Issues	2·30	·70	1·78	8·3	1·43	59·19	6·88	6·48	12·87	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	1·50	2·65	2·33	3·84	2·55	10·79	2·77	3·19	4·95	...	...	...

Lending Library—West Branch—Statistics for 1909.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	75	31	95	341	69	6,663	405	281	2,586	10,546	25	421·84
February - -	59	36	116	390	54	5,816	425	236	2,212	9,344	24	389·33
March - - -	58	29	132	427	69	6,754	425	282	2,603	10,779	27	399·22
April - - -	51	16	109	331	44	6,019	317	251	2,296	9,434	25	377·36
May - - - -	35	27	78	305	33	5,133	248	175	1,622	7,656	25	306·24
June - - -	34	17	54	264	43	4,128	241	149	1,199	6,129	26	235·73
July - - - -	30	17	58	236	33	4,662	266	135	1,305	6,742	27	249·70
August - - -	18	18	55	241	36	4,293	238	161	1,262	6,322	26	243·15
September -	22	29	75	280	55	4,700	326	194	1,288	6,969	25	278·76
October - -	62	37	125	358	53	5,601	373	273	1,681	8,563	26	329·34
November - -	59	36	111	364	65	5,527	424	248	1,793	8,627	26	331·80
December - -	34	30	117	322	59	5,451	385	218	1,950	8,566	26	329 46
Totals - - -	537	323	1,125	3,859	613	64,747	4,073	2,603	21,797	99,677	308	323·62
Totals, 1908 -	446	164	887	2,751	493	58,439	3,237	2,215	24,950	93,582	309	302·85
Per cent. of Total Issues	·53	·32	1·12	3·87	·61	64·95	4·08	2·61	21·86	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	1·10	2·48	2·76	3·15	2·79	11·06	3·10	3·86	8·43	...	...	...

Lending Library—Portobello Branch—Statistics for 1909.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	21	11	27	134	39	5,740	267	177	1,903	8,319	25	332·76
February - -	19	14	30	114	34	5,185	277	153	1,479	7,305	24	304·37
March - - -	18	8	39	131	34	5,801	287	171	1,548	8,037	27	297·66
April - - -	20	7	35	116	20	4,699	220	142	1,170	6,429	25	257·16
May - - -	27	11	29	109	18	4,602	176	95	921	5,988	25	239·52
June - - -	22	7	10	57	16	3,697	144	99	622	4,674	26	179·76
July - - - -	16	12	17	78	22	3,779	141	112	655	4,832	27	178·96
August - - -	9	9	12	74	11	3,719	132	97	659	4,722	26	181·61
September -	14	4	21	58	21	3,903	185	122	663	4,991	25	199·64
October - -	22	11	34	112	18	5,045	214	176	1,458	7,090	26	272·69
November -	27	10	24	143	33	4,914	255	182	1,945	7,533	26	289·73
December - -	27	9	33	116	31	4,652	225	166	1,839	7,098	26	273
Totals - - -	242	113	311	1,242	297	55,736	2,523	1,692	14,862	77,018	308	250·05
Totals, 1908 -	231	93	283	1,169	282	52,669	2,176	1,699	14,712	73,314	309	237·26
Per cent. of Total Issues	·31	·14	·40	1·61	·38	72·36	3·27	2·19	19·29	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	1·86	2·21	2·70	3·32	2·97	17·18	3·11	4·72	11·08	...	...	...

Lending Library—North Branch—Statistics for 1909.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	65	14	75	292	56	6,586	438	337	2,244	10,107	25	404·28
February - -	67	34	82	335	58	6,105	380	299	2,220	9,580	24	399·16
March - - -	75	38	84	349	56	7,159	436	324	2,328	10,849	27	401·81
*April - - -	56	18	53	194	36	4,907	265	197	1,477	7,203	18	400·16
May - - -	68	12	47	223	47	5,438	283	199	1,518	7,835	25	313·4
June - - -	49	17	44	206	64	4,685	245	255	1,284	6,849	26	263·42
July - - - -	49	15	37	203	33	5,094	239	203	1,452	7,325	27	271·29
August - - -	32	14	44	152	29	4,897	236	184	1,221	6,809	26	261·88
September -	65	16	88	246	43	5,616	299	245	1,335	7,953	25	318·12
October - -	77	15	119	349	50	6,161	359	317	1,673	9,120	26	350·76
November - -	99	27	110	312	59	5,908	382	341	1,899	9,137	26	351·42
December - -	89	13	65	282	52	5,923	393	362	1,822	9,001	26	346·19
Totals - - -	791	233	848	3,143	583	68,479	3,955	3,263	20,473	101,768	301	338·09
Totals, 1908 -	799	197	731	3,196	602	67,334	4,077	3,380	21,833	102,149	297	343·59
Per cent. of Total Issues	·77	·22	·83	3·08	·57	67·28	3·88	3·20	20·11	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock -	1·27	1·50	2·16	2·26	2·49	10·67	2·61	4·10	7·65	...	...	...

* Closed from the 21st to the 29th.

Lending Library—East Branch—Statistics for 1909.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days open.	Daily Average.
January - -	93	92	152	543	147	9,634	506	510	3,653	15,330	25	613·2
February - -	112	78	161	583	133	8,623	550	505	3,870	14,615	24	608·95
March - - -	120	47	153	573	120	9,731	561	484	3,963	15,752	27	583·40
April - - -	91	40	118	485	91	9,125	448	355	3,368	14,121	25	564·84
May - - - -	77	49	107	481	85	8,697	390	352	2,649	12,887	25	515·48
June - - -	64	42	91	410	76	7,483	283	254	2,049	10,752	26	413·53
July - - - -	50	25	90	364	88	7,705	287	286	2,363	11,258	27	416·96
August - - -	73	35	73	363	60	7,679	277	266	2,100	10,926	26	420·23
September - -	96	37	124	436	97	8,000	411	331	2,155	11,687	25	467·48
October - -	136	52	186	565	130	9,569	578	421	3,086	14,723	26	566·26
November - -	123	56	198	582	138	9,611	557	424	3,714	15,403	26	592·42
December - -	138	40	148	481	125	8,898	504	421	4,149	14,904	26	573·23
Totals - - -	1,163	593	1,601	5,866	1,290	104,755	5,352	4,609	37,119	162,358	308	527·13
Totals, 1908 -	1,210	472	1,707	5,359	1,249	102,383	5,182	4,994	37,720	160,276	309	515·45
Per cent. of Total Issues	·71	·36	·98	3·61	·79	64·52	3·29	2·83	22·86	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	2·22	2·87	3·9	5·32	4·28	15·92	3·92	5·23	11·91	...	...	...

Lending Library—Morningside Branch—Statistics for 1909.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	74	49	39	170	105	6,767	344	365	1,646	9,559	25	382·36
February - -	81	66	54	198	91	6,409	296	321	1,648	9,164	24	381·83
March - - -	68	51	45	233	91	7,544	330	337	1,969	10,668	27	395·11
April - - -	55	30	37	196	59	6,658	274	295	1,678	9,282	25	371·28
May - - -	50	21	31	195	59	5,985	231	241	1,122	7,935	25	317·4
June - - -	53	20	22	149	56	4,964	201	191	919	6,575	26	252·88
July - - - -	52	20	26	128	49	5,292	188	191	1,018	6,964	27	257·92
August - - -	33	15	19	137	46	4,490	171	160	876	5,947	26	228·73
September - -	55	16	44	186	64	5,705	266	191	1,176	7,703	25	308·12
October - -	73	21	51	189	73	6,474	388	255	1,494	9,018	26	346·84
November - -	71	51	63	226	86	5,981	348	272	1,663	8,761	26	336·96
December - -	64	31	53	179	73	5,781	350	303	1,791	8,625	26	331·73
Totals - - -	729	391	484	2,186	852	72,050	3,387	3,122	17,000	100,201	308	325·32
Totals, 1908 -	697	319	403	1,917	664	72,013	3,188	3,358	17,657	100,216	309	324·32
Per cent. of Total Issues	·72	·39	·48	2·18	·85	71 90	3·38	3·11	16·96	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	2·90	2·49	2·32	4·17	4·32	20·19	4·43	5·61	10·76	...	...	...

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT,

1910.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to submit the following as my Report for the year 1910, viz. :—

GENERAL.

The Central Library has now been open to the public for twenty years, and including the books given out in the various branches established during that period, 16,453,523 books were issued either for consultation on the spot or for reading at home, as follows :—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	1,783,425
Lending do. - -	9,156,567
West Branch - - - -	1,645,700
Portobello Branch - - -	926,353
North Branch - - - -	1,135,426
East Branch - - - -	1,231,497
Morningside Branch - - -	574,555
Total - -	16,453,523

This number does not include the numerous daily consultation of Dictionaries, Directories, Encyclopædias, Gazetteers, Law Cases, &c., which are on open shelves in the Reference Library, nor does it take note of the number of volumes in any particular work in that department—a work by the same author although running into a number of volumes being counted as one

transaction. It may be well to recall the dates of the opening of the Libraries. The Central Library was opened on 9th June 1890; the West Branch, 10th May 1897; the Portobello Branch, 1st October 1897; the North Branch, 25th October 1900; the East Branch, 18th January 1904; and the Morningside Branch, 9th November 1905.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

In regard to the Reference Library for the year 1910, one is glad to note an increase, though small, in the number of works consulted. Both in 1908 and 1909 there were large increases in the number of books consulted in the Technical Section, but although similar large increases cannot be reported for this year, this and the other sections show good results so far as figures are concerned. It is a matter of regret to have to report that the privilege extended to readers of having a selection of the books most frequently consulted put in what is called the "open access" cases, has been on more than one occasion abused. "Open access" cannot be said to have been a success in the Central or Branch Libraries. Owing to some of the books on "open" shelves having been taken away, those in the East Branch were put in a case with a glass front, and while the number of times they were consulted was not less than last year, not a volume has gone amissing.

The details of the number of works consulted in the Reference Library will be found on page 9, but it is interesting to point out that the stock of works in the sections of Fine Arts and Useful Arts has been turned over very nearly three and a half times during the year, and that in the class "Literature," in which there was a decrease last year, there is this year a small increase.

LENDING LIBRARY—CENTRAL.

My Report for 1909 noted increases in the Central Library and Branches of 23,271, but this year there have been decreases

in all, except in the North Branch, in which there is an increase of 2,303. The aggregate decrease amounts to 18,014.

It has to be pointed out that the Libraries were open for a day less in 1910 than in 1909, which accounts for about 3,000 of the decrease, and that the East Branch was closed from the 8th to 27th August, and the juveniles' scetion of the Central Library from 1st to 13th August, accounting between them for not less than 10,000 book issues.

The circulation of books for home reading fluctuated in a measure never previously experienced, as may be seen by the following table, in which each month is compared with the corresponding month of last year :—

Month.	Increase.	Decrease.
January	—	5,053
February	2,740	—
March	—	3,199
April	3,816	—
May	—	2,212
June	—	2,210
July	—	4,129
August	—	6,903
September	—	611
October	—	2,624
November	—	328
December	2,667	—

The details of the circulation of books will be found in the tables appended hereto, but a few remarks on the results brought out in these may not be out of place. The outstanding feature is the great decrease in novel reading. This decrease is found in all the Libraries except the North Branch. Novel reading seems to be on the decline in other places as well as in Edinburgh, as the Library Reports of several important towns issued recently testify.

The class next in importance, as far as circulation is concerned, is books for juveniles, and in this section of our work it is pleasing to find a substantial increase in the number of books given out to young people to read at home. Four branches—

North, Morningside, Portobello, and East show increases of 741, 744, 1,208, and 5,325 respectively. The decreases in the Central and West Branch can be explained, for as already mentioned, the Juveniles' Room in the Central Library was closed for twelve working days, while in the West Branch the room for children to a small extent affects the juveniles' section of this branch, where the decrease, as compared with last year, is only 1,947. The figures for the children's room are not included in the ordinary report this year, but no fewer than 63,129 books have been perused against 45,147 last year. The success of this room, which was started as an experiment, has justified the trouble and expense, and it is for the Committee to keep before them the desirability of providing rooms for children in connection with some of the other Branches.

There are gratifying increases in History, Biography, and Travel in four of the Branches. In the West 69, Portobello 167, North 361, and Morningside 240.

During the year particular attention was as usual given to books which had become worn out or soiled. It requires the utmost vigilance to keep the stock, especially of novels, in presentable condition, and this year 5,168 volumes were replaced by fresh copies. The numbers for the various Libraries are :—

Central - - - -	2,764
West Branch - - - -	392
Portobello Branch - - -	464
North Branch - - - -	447
East Branch - - - -	705
Morningside Branch - - -	396
Total - -	5,168

The Newsrooms have been more frequented than any year since the opening of the Libraries. Newspaper readers largely predominate, while the reading of magazines is not keeping up its recent relative pace with that of the daily and weekly newspaper.

The increasing number of periodicals sent gratuitously for

the purpose of being laid on the tables is becoming an inconvenience and may soon require the consideration of the Committee. These periodicals are the organs of various associations, religious and otherwise, and are published for the propagation of the views of the societies.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

The Society for Teaching the Adult Blind to Read at their own Homes has removed to larger and more commodious premises in Howe Street, and Mr Ness, the Librarian, reports the circulation of books and magazines in 1910 to be as follows :—

Year.	Moon.	Braille.	Magazines.	Total.
1910 - -	2,158	1,825	602	4,585
1909 - -	1,769	1,737	681	4,187

Increase, 398.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

HEW MORRISON.

APPENDIX I.

BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1909, the number added and the total stock at the end of 1910.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1909.	Vols. added.	1910.
General	16,151	93	16,244
Philosophy	715	32	747
Religion	4,067	72	4,139
Sociology	5,165	232	5,397
Philology	1,208	26	1,234
Natural Science	3,074	105	3,179
Useful Arts	4,276	113	4,389
Fine Arts	4,468	122	4,590
Literature	13,528	149	13,677
History	14,921	481	15,402
Total ...	67,573	1,425	68,998

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Class.	1909.	Vols. added.	1910.
Religion	4,826	37	4,863
Philosophy	888	14	902
Sociology	2,407	37	2,444
Science and Art	6,799	47	6,846
Poetry and Drama	1,765	3	1,768
Fiction	17,262	293	17,555
History, Biography, and Travel ...	7,808	63	7,871
General Literature	6,391	40	6,431
Juveniles' Literature	8,176	156–2,553	5,779
Total ...	56,322	690–2,553	54,459

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1909.	Vols. added.	1910.
Religion	484	12	496
Philosophy	130	1	131
Sociology	407	14	421
Science and Art	1,225	44	1,269
Poetry and Drama	219	4	223
Fiction	5,852	218	6,070
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,312	30	1,342
General Literature	674	19	693
Juveniles' Literature	2,584	142	2,726
Reference Books	214	2	216
Children's Room	685	102	787
Total ...	13,786	588	14,374

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1909.	Vols. added.	1910.
Religion	130	11	141
Philosophy	51	1	52
Sociology	115	3	118
Science and Art	374	14	388
Poetry and Drama	100	1	101
Fiction	3,243	204	3,447
History, Biography, and Travel ...	809	30	839
General Literature	358	14	372
Juveniles' Literature	1,341	62	1,403
Reference Books	100	2	102
Total ...	6,621	342	6,963

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1909.	Vols. added.	1910.
Religion	618	10	628
Philosophy	155	3	158
Sociology	391	6	397
Science and Art	1,385	33	1,418
Poetry and Drama	234	3	237
Fiction	6,417	269	6,686
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,511	24	1,535
General Literature	794	13	807
Juveniles' Literature	2,674	88	2,762
Reference Books	248	3	251
Total ...	14,427	452	14,879

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1909.	Vols. added.	1910.
Religion	522	15	537
Philosophy	206	3	209
Sociology	410	11	421
Science and Art	1,102	29	1,131
Poetry and Drama	301	4	305
Fiction	6,576	291	6,867
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,363	28	1,391
General Literature	880	17	897
Juveniles' Literature	3,115	105	3,220
Reference Books	342	3	345
Total ...	14,817	506	15,323

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1909.	Vols. added.	1910.
Religion	249	1	250
Philosophy	157	3	160
Sociology	208	5	213
Science and Art	524	9	533
Poetry and Drama	197	1	198
Fiction	3,568	304	3,872
History, Biography, and Travel ...	764	10	774
General Literature	556	11	567
Juveniles' Literature	1,579	62	1,641
Reference Books	62	2	64
Total ...	7,864	408	8,272

TOTAL STOCK.

	1909.	Vols. added.	1910.
Reference Library	67,573	1,425	68,998
Lending Library	56,322	690–2,553	54,459
West Branch	13,786	588	14,374
Portobello Branch	6,621	342	6,963
North Branch	14,427	452	14,879
East Branch	14,817	506	15,323
Morningside Branch ...	7,864	408	8,272
Total ...	181,410	4,411–2,553	183,268

Reference Library—Statistics for 1910.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	784	286	220	672	165	473	869	560	2,615	1,057	7,701	25	308·04
February - -	742	418	335	625	288	448	1,018	644	2,873	1,763	9,154	24	381·41
March - -	686	218	402	496	259	533	1,031	649	2,465	1,362	8,101	27	300·03
April - -	581	329	238	371	224	440	680	595	1,909	1,676	7,043	25	281·72
May - -	515	332	164	510	209	500	583	486	2,395	1,652	7,346	24	293·84
June - -	462	152	153	506	164	582	565	432	1,772	1,367	6,155	26	236·76
July - -	450	54	131	273	91	364	411	487	577	950	3,788	26	145·69
August - -	591	80	114	160	116	216	494	370	753	1,108	4,002	27	148·22
September -	522	136	171	361	124	326	670	546	817	1,164	4,837	25	193·08
October - -	603	287	222	505	218	597	817	598	1,777	1,398	7,022	26	270·07
November -	684	406	363	819	270	655	841	538	2,346	2,451	9,373	26	360·5
December -	712	241	332	528	194	450	885	728	1,631	1,233	6,934	26	266·69
Totals -	7,332	2,939	2,845	5,826	2,322	5,584	8,864	6,633	21,930	17,181	81,456	307	264·35
Totals 1909 -	9,398	2,380	2,268	5,620	1,693	5,846	10,295	6,402	21,873	14,369	80,144	308	260·20
Per cent. of Total Issues	9·	3·60	3·49	7·15	2·85	6·85	10·88	8·14	25·69	21·09	...	...	...
Turnover of Stock - -	·45	3·93	·68	1·07	1·88	1·75	2·01	1·44	1·60	1·11	...	...	...

Lending Library—Central—Statistics for 1910.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	591	227	517	2,226	402	16,024	1,910	1,739	3,832	27,468	25	1,098·72
February - -	646	248	584	2,503	453	16,450	1,986	1,837	3,938	28,645	24	1,193·54
March - -	714	236	467	2,724	439	17,900	2,194	2,041	3,836	30,551	27	1,109·84
April - - -	558	234	470	2,273	368	16,488	2,006	1,763	3,586	27,746	25	1,109·84
May - - -	498	194	378	2,114	316	14,167	1,569	1,558	2,895	23,689	24	987·04
June - - -	368	148	338	1,682	283	12,179	1,272	1,251	2,504	20,025	26	770·19
July - - -	356	114	280	1,373	204	12,668	1,102	1,153	2,334	19,584	26	753·23
*August - -	383	119	280	1,584	272	13,284	1,298	1,273	1,337	19,830	27	734·46
September -	467	196	380	2,179	295	14,963	1,558	1,556	2,675	24,269	25	970·76
October - -	586	207	462	2,422	385	16,980	1,878	1,876	2,989	27,785	26	1,088·65
November -	709	244	559	2,694	436	15,980	2,057	2,209	3,632	28,520	26	1,096·92
December -	589	247	507	2,361	374	15,040	1,979	1,969	4,500	27,566	26	1,060·23
Totals - -	6,465	2,414	5,222	26,135	4,227	182,123	20,809	20,225	38,058	305,678	307	995·69
Totals, 1909	7,245	2,348	5,620	26,136	4,506	186,382	21,664	20,426	40,544	314,871	308	1,022·30
Increase - -	...	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease - -	780	...	398	1	279	4,259	855	201	2,486	9,193	...	...

* Juveniles' Library closed from 1st to 13th August.

Lending Library—West Branch—Statistics for 1910.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	44	26	111	328	60	5,714	381	195	1,941	8,800	25	352
February - -	63	39	94	360	72	5,558	418	222	2,018	8,844	24	368·5
March - - -	64	20	99	378	54	5,939	403	226	1,871	9,054	27	335·33
April - - -	56	22	96	330	35	5,591	364	181	1,728	8,403	25	336·12
May - - - -	41	18	68	285	42	4,764	327	173	1,411	7,129	24	297·04
June - - -	26	18	65	252	26	4,116	251	159	1,091	6,004	26	230·92
July - - - -	41	16	71	222	30	4,435	226	115	1,355	6,511	26	250·42
August - - -	29	18	65	256	65	4,830	272	135	1,304	6,974	27	258·29
September -	29	21	73	298	57	5,140	257	160	1,292	7,327	25	293·08
October - -	75	31	103	368	47	5,544	367	181	1,656	8,372	26	322
November - -	44	32	118	355	56	5,478	470	215	2,061	8,829	26	339·57
December - -	62	25	109	319	53	5,353	405	198	2,122	8,646	26	332 53
Totals - - -	574	286	1,071	3,751	597	62,462	4,142	2,160	19,850	94,893	307	309·09
Totals, 1909 -	537	323	1,125	3,859	613	64,747	4,073	2,603	21,797	99,677	308	323·62
Increase - -	37	...	...	...	...	...	69	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease - -	...	37	54	108	16	2,285	...	443	1,947	4,784	...	...

Lending Library—Portobello Branch—Statistics for 1910.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	28	13	20	115	26	5,044	255	174	2,071	7,746	25	309·84
February - -	36	13	25	178	53	4,855	285	150	2,201	7,796	24	324·83
March - - -	41	10	33	120	24	5,172	281	144	1,792	7,617	27	282·11
April - - -	22	7	23	119	15	4,810	244	111	1,383	6,734	25	269·36
May - - -	18	13	16	66	19	4,050	203	104	889	5,378	24	224·08
June - - -	20	6	12	59	12	3,517	135	92	568	4,421	26	170·03
July - - - -	21	16	15	68	13	3,368	128	90	692	4,411	26	169·65
August - - -	11	15	6	66	9	3,557	145	93	552	4,454	27	164·96
September -	18	8	16	90	9	3,646	164	104	762	4,817	25	192·68
October - -	27	21	22	141	19	4,825	251	183	1,128	6,617	26	254·50
November -	19	18	31	177	31	5,129	304	206	1,903	7,818	26	300·69
December - -	18	14	27	176	36	5,024	295	175	2,129	7,894	26	303·61
Totals - - -	279	154	246	1,375	266	52,997	2,690	1,626	16,070	75,703	307	246·58
Totals, 1909 -	242	113	311	1,242	297	55,736	2,523	1,692	14,862	77,018	308	250·05
Increase -	37	41	...	133	...	...	167	...	1,208	...	...	...
Decrease -	...	...	65	...	31	2,739	...	66	...	1,315	...	...

Lending Library—North Branch—Statistics for 1910.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	81	23	76	274	41	6,264	387	293	1,734	9,173	25	366·92
February - -	56	26	69	417	50	6,392	406	284	2,197	9,897	24	412·37
March - - -	83	38	91	412	57	6,447	429	278	2,120	9,955	27	368·70
April - - -	76	23	82	350	43	6,051	382	244	2,105	9,356	25	374·24
May - - -	53	18	56	254	42	5,394	383	234	1,663	8,097	24	337·37
June - - -	32	28	54	207	35	4,631	310	176	1,211	6,684	26	257·07
July - - - -	36	11	33	155	51	4,816	252	162	1,233	6,749	26	259·57
August - - -	40	17	43	221	39	5,254	273	180	1,326	7,393	27	273·81
September -	55	13	43	231	37	5,713	305	205	1,383	7,985	25	319·4
October - -	79	23	64	290	51	6,469	371	247	1,763	9,357	26	359·88
November - -	83	39	79	253	60	6,387	410	271	2,288	9,870	26	379·61
December - -	80	17	73	308	44	6,125	408	309	2,191	9,555	26	367·5
Totals - - -	754	276	763	3,372	550	69,943	4,316	2,883	21,214	104,071	307	338·99
Totals, 1909 -	791	233	848	3,143	583	68,479	3,955	3,263	20,473	101,768	301	338·09
Increase - -	...	43	...	239	...	1,464	361	...	741	2,303	...	...
Decrease - -	37	...	85	...	33	...	...	380	...	...	...	...

Lending Library—East Branch—Statistics for 1910.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days open.	Daily Average.
January - -	125	63	161	491	124	9,227	498	459	4,241	15,389	25	615·56
February - -	117	75	186	605	157	9,539	542	500	4,613	16,334	24	680·58
March - -	112	67	169	595	149	9,774	522	492	4,707	16,587	27	614·33
April - -	64	39	131	505	106	9,749	459	398	4,328	15,779	25	631·16
May - - -	82	46	115	434	99	8,224	441	361	3,383	13,185	24	549·37
June - - -	59	32	115	348	88	7,494	322	295	2,959	11,712	26	450·46
July - - -	45	26	103	334	68	7,553	283	235	2,907	11,554	26	444·38
*August - -	18	4	43	130	23	2,882	126	92	951	4,269	9	474·33
September -	71	23	101	462	103	7,827	387	333	2,832	12,139	25	485·56
October - -	109	48	138	524	107	8,889	494	393	3,389	14,091	26	541·96
November -	110	83	147	526	152	8,513	563	445	3,877	14,416	26	554·46
December -	98	56	137	472	127	8,892	510	409	4,257	14,958	26	575·30
Totals- - -	1,010	562	1,546	5,426	1,303	98,563	5,147	4,412	42,444	160,413	289	555·06
Totals, 1909	1,173	593	1,601	5,866	1,290	104,755	5,352	4,609	37,119	162,358	308	523·88
Increase -	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	5,325	...	...	...
Decrease -	163	31	55	440	...	6,192	205	197	...	1,945	...	...

* Closed from the 8th to the 27th inclusive.

Lending Library—Morningside Branch—Statistics for 1910.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	57	33	47	182	85	6,165	341	266	1,759	8,935	25	357·4
February - -	59	35	53	218	84	6,254	377	279	1,821	9,180	24	382·5
March - - -	76	35	58	244	84	6,571	376	238	1,984	9,666	27	356
April - - -	58	25	58	181	88	6,417	363	214	1,776	9,180	25	367·2
May - - -	43	33	45	167	60	5,591	343	128	1,328	7,738	24	322·41
June - - -	66	20	32	146	61	4,573	239	104	921	6,162	26	237
July - - - -	54	10	47	130	52	4,652	191	94	1,210	6,440	26	247·69
August - - -	40	14	33	111	67	4,794	185	146	1,109	6,499	27	240·70
September - -	48	33	39	136	61	5,760	248	135	1,214	7,674	25	306·96
October - -	58	27	50	200	69	6,142	297	190	1,355	8,388	26	322·61
November - -	58	42	48	190	84	6,099	346	170	1,552	8,589	26	330·34
December - -	74	30	75	156	76	6,147	321	158	1,715	8,752	26	336·61
Totals - - -	691	337	585	2,061	871	69,165	3,627	2,122	17,744	97,203	307	316·62
Totals, 1909 -	729	391	484	2,186	852	72,050	3,387	3,122	17,000	100,201	308	325·32
Increase - -	...	...	101	...	19	...	240	...	744	...	...	...
Decrease - -	38	54	...	125	...	2,885	...	1,000	...	2,998	...	...

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PROOF.

Edinburgh Public Library.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

I HAVE to submit the following as my Report for the year 1911, viz.:—

GENERAL.

From the opening of the Library in June 1890 to the 31st December last, the total number of books consulted in the Reference Department and taken out for reading at home, was 17,352,173, as follows:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	1,856,901
Lending do. - -	9,445,611
West Branch - - - -	1,738,789
Portobello Branch - - -	1,005,660
North Branch - - - -	1,239,356
East Branch - - - -	1,392,517
Morningside Branch - - -	673,339
Total - -	17,352,173

The total reading for the year in all the Departments but excluding the books on the open shelves of the Reference Library, was as follows:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	73,476
Lending do. - -	289,044
West Branch - - - -	93,089
Portobello Branch - - -	79,307
North Branch - - - -	103,930
East Branch - - - -	161,020
Morningside Branch - - -	98,784
Total - -	898,650

READERS' TICKETS.

These fall to be renewed on and after 1st January 1912. During the last period 1909-11, there were issued :—

Year.	Electors.	Non-Electors.	Total.
1909	4,830	14,922	19,752
1910	4,033	14,586	18,619
1911	2,323	8,894	11,217
	11,186	38,402	49,588

SOILED AND WORN-OUT BOOKS.

The replacement of soiled and worn-out volumes in the Lending Libraries was carefully attended to as in former years. With the general body of readers no fault can be found, but far too many are extremely careless of the treatment of the books which they take from the Library. Last year 5,168 were replaced by fresh copies, and this year 4,966. The numbers are :—

	1910.	1911.
Central - -	2,764	2,593
West Branch - -	392	685
Portobello Branch -	464	153
North Branch - -	447	369
East Branch - -	705	677
Morningside Branch -	396	489
	5,168	4,966

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The stock of the Reference Library was increased during the year by 1,788 volumes, but these do not all represent purchases. Nearly one-half are books which were withdrawn from the Central Lending Department and from the North Branch, as being now more suitable for Reference than for Lending purposes.

The number of works consulted in the Reference Library for the year was 73,476. This is not the number of volumes, but merely the number of works consulted.

There is a decrease in every class in this Department with the exception of that called General. The number of works consulted daily reached 261 in the month of March and went down to 130 in the month of July. It increased from then till it reached an average of 350 daily in the month of November, but went back a little in the month of December.

There has been no decrease in the Technical Section for some years until this summer. While in March 980 works were given out, only 355 were asked for in the month of August, but September, October, and November showed distinct increases. The Catalogue of the Technical Section is now seven years old, and it is to be hoped that with the new catalogue, suggested in the report of the Sub-Committee on Statistics of Home Reading, interest in this section will be revived.

HOME READING.

In 1909 there was an increase in the total Home Reading from the Central Library of 11,786; last year there was a decrease of 9,193, and this year there is a further decrease of 16,634. Taking, however, the reading from all the Lending Libraries into account, the net decrease is 12,787. The Central Juveniles' Library was closed for the month of August of this year, and the different Lending Libraries were open on 305 days only, against 307 days last year. If the circulation for the Juveniles' Library for August and the average reading of the two days mentioned were reckoned, the total decrease would be something like 8,000. The causes that operated in bringing

about the decrease were treated in a Report on Reading Statistics by a special Sub-Committee last December. I ought to mention that during last summer not only was the weather particularly good, and the reading consequently less, but that the Royal Visit to the city had a great influence on the Home Reading from the Public Library.

The Reports of Aberdeen, Bradford, and Perth for 1911 have come to hand, and they show a decline in their Central Library Home Reading for 1911 somewhat similar to our own. The figures are :—

	1910.	1911.	Decrease.
Edinburgh	305,678	289,044	16,634
Aberdeen	316,054	306,403	9,651
Perth	85,197	77,880	7,317
Bradford	193,601	187,499	6,102

The total Home Reading from the Central Library and Branches for 1910 was 837,961, while for 1911 the figures were 825,174, a decrease of 12,787, or of one and a half per cent. In the North Branch there was a decrease of only 141, which does not affect the matter very much either way, but in the West Branch there was a decrease of 1,804, and in the Central Library 16,634. There were increases in three Branches—in Portobello, 3,604 ; Morningside Branch, 1,581 ; and the East Branch, 607.

Taking the reading of the Central Library in detail the most marked decrease is in that of juveniles, which went down from 4,616 for the month of February to 1,666 for July. There was a rise, however, from September to the end of the year. Leaving Fiction out of account the class of Science and Art shows the next greatest decline, from 2,779 in March to 1,405 in July, and although there was an increased circulation up to the month of November, the total did not reach the figures of last year. The only increase in 1910 in the Central Lending Library was in Philosophy. This year there is a further increase in that class, together with increases in the classes of Religion and of Poetry. In the Music Section there was a decline from 3,785 in 1910 to 3,326 in 1911.

In the West Branch Library there was in 1910 a decrease of very nearly 2,000 in the reading by juveniles, but that has this year been turned into an increase of 114. The reading in this Branch has improved during the year, but History, Biography, and Travel, which showed an increase in 1910, shows a decrease this year of 411. The total decrease is 1,804 against the total decrease last year of 4,784, and there are increases in four of the classes as against two last year. In the Children's Room, which was open on 284 days, 75,361 books were issued against 63,129 last year. This is exclusive of the figures given above.

In Portobello there is an increase of 3,934 in Fiction, and of 293 in the reading by juveniles. There is, however, a decrease of 228 in Science and Art, and 205 in History and Biography. The causes that operate in the city against reading seem to operate in Portobello in favour of it.

In the North Branch Home Reading continues very much as it was last year. There is an increase of 1,394 in the section for juveniles, although this section declined from 2,566 in February to 1,366 in August.

In the East Branch there were increases in every class excepting that of Poetry and of books for juveniles. This latter shows a decrease of 1,481. In this Branch there is an increase in Fiction of 1,293 and of 231 in Science and Art.

In the East, North, and West Branches there are a number of books on Technical subjects which can be perused in the Reading Rooms without having to go through the form of presenting a ticket. In the East Branch none of these books have been damaged in any way, but I regret to say that the Atlas of the Royal Geographical Society of Scotland, which was placed in the Reading Room there for consultation, has been stolen. It is stamped with the Library Stamp, and I hope it may be recovered during the coming year. In the East Branch we have also accommodation for showing popular books in one of the presses provided at the entrance. Many readers, not able to obtain the books they seek for, examine this press, and select some suitable book. As books are withdrawn others are put in

their places. An experiment was made in this Branch of changing the subject of the books from day to day, which has yielded good results so far. The open Technical Section in North and West Branches have been fairly taken advantage of, although not to the same extent as in the East.

A number of old editions of Technical books (still quite serviceable in a way) was replaced by later editions in the Reference Department, and I propose transferring twenty-five of these to the West Branch, fifteen to the North Branch, and thirteen to the East Branch, with a note explaining that later editions may be found in the Central Library.

In the Morningside Branch Library there are increases in the reading of Fiction and of books by juveniles, while there are decreases in every other class. The reading in the Juveniles' Section declined from 1,984 in April to 1,121 in July, but by December it very nearly reached the figure it stood at in April. This year has been remarkable for the fluctuations in the circulation, and especially for the rapid decline from the month of March down to the middle of August.

Appended are the usual tables.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

1,964 volumes in "Moon" type, 2,024 in Braille, and 574 parts of Magazines, as well as six copies of the *Daily Mail* "Blind Edition," were circulated among adult readers at their own homes.

In conclusion, I regret to have to record the death of Mr George Harper, which took place on the 26th of September. Mr Harper was connected with the Reference Department since 1887, and was always careful and diligent in the discharge of his duties. He was an agreeable and loyal colleague, and his removal is a loss to the Institution.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

HEW MORRISON.

PUBLIC LIBRARY,
EDINBURGH, 16*th January* 1912.

BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1910, the number added and the total stock at the end of 1911.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1910.	Vols. added.	1911.
General	16,244	179	16,423
Philosophy	747	29	776
Religion	4,139	206	4,345
Sociology	5,397	278	5,675
Philology	1,234	19	1,253
Natural Science	3,179	99	3,278
Useful Arts	4,389	148	4,537
Fine Arts	4,590	115	4,705
Literature	13,677	191	13,868
History	15,402	524	15,926
Total ...	68,998	1,788	70,786

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Class.	1910.	Vols. added.	1911.
Religion	4,863	32	4,895
Philosophy	902	22	924
Sociology	2,444	40	2,484
Science and Art	6,846	65	6,911
Poetry and Drama	1,768	2	1,770
Fiction	17,555	318	17,873
History, Biography, and Travel ...	7,871	97	7,968
General Literature	6,431	43	6,474
Juveniles' Literature	5,779	176	5,955
Total ...	54,459	795	55,254

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1910.	Vols. added.	1911.
Religion	496	7	503
Philosophy	131	3	134
Sociology	421	12	433
Science and Art	1,269	24	1,293
Poetry and Drama	223	4	227
Fiction	6,070	229	6,299
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,342	42	1,384
General Literature	693	24	717
Juveniles' Literature	2,726	132	2,858
Reference Books	216	3	219
Children's Room	787	6	793
Total ...	14,374	486	14,860

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1910.	Vols. added.	1911
Religion	141	6	147
Philosophy	52	6	58
Sociology	118	4	122
Science and Art	388	4	392
Poetry and Drama	101	—	101
Fiction	3,447	195	3,642
History, Biography, and Travel ...	839	32	871
General Literature	372	10	382
Juveniles' Literature	1,403	65	1,468
Reference Books	102	2	104
Total ...	6,963	324	7,287

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1910.	Vols. added.	1911.
Religion	628	7	445
Philosophy	158	3	113
Sociology	397	6	297
Science and Art	1,418	13	1,115
Poetry and Drama	237	4	185
Fiction	6,686	279	5,411
History, Biography, and Travel	1,535	28	1,221
General Literature	807	16	725
Juveniles' Literature ...	2,762	96	2,253
Reference Books	251	8	259
Total ...	14,879	460–3,315	12,024

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1910.	Vols. added.	1911.
Religion	537	9	546
Philosophy	209	7	216
Sociology	421	8	429
Science and Art	1,131	31	1,162
Poetry and Drama	305	3	308
Fiction	6,867	310	7,177
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,391	34	1,425
General Literature	897	21	918
Juveniles' Literature	3,220	114	3,334
Reference Books	345	1	346
Total ...	15,323	538	15,861

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1910.	Vols. added.	1911.
Religion	250	2	252
Philosophy	160	2	162
Sociology	213	9	222
Science and Art	533	11	544
Poetry and Drama	198	1	199
Fiction	3,872	269	4,141
History, Biography, and Travel ...	774	16	790
General Literature	567	6	573
Juveniles' Literature	1,641	59	1,700
Reference Books	64	—	64
Total ...	8,272	375	8,647

TOTAL STOCK.

	1910.	Vols. added.	1911.
Reference Library	68,998	1,788	70,786
Lending Library	54,459	795	55,254
West Branch	14,374	486	14,860
Portobello Branch	6,963	324	7,287
North Branch	14,879	460–3,315	12,024
East Branch	15,323	538	15,861
Morningside Branch ...	8,272	375	8,647
Total ...	183,268	4,766–3,315	184,719

Reference Library—Statistics for 1911.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	678	298	312	638	167	492	761	565	2,084	1,683	7,678	25	307·12
February - -	645	353	292	704	141	585	748	491	2,178	1,362	7,499	24	312·45
March - -	667	159	256	529	154	474	980	483	1,927	1,423	7,052	27	261·18
April - -	534	175	143	522	89	291	561	509	1,369	1,237	5,430	24	226·16
May - -	591	234	191	670	168	448	555	397	1,956	1,270	6,480	26	249·23
June - -	456	147	140	336	145	268	425	307	1,084	828	4,136	25	165·44
July - -	492	50	76	191	45	234	402	346	519	901	3,256	25	130·24
August - -	557	71	148	233	91	245	355	358	722	1,081	3,861	27	143·00
September -	670	89	91	263	115	296	571	485	898	1,316	4,794	25	191·76
October - -	829	268	323	450	193	520	771	469	1,603	1,598	7,024	26	270·15
November -	991	403	286	794	266	584	841	454	2,469	2,014	9,102	26	350·07
December -	1,096	251	476	454	196	449	792	442	1,710	1,298	7,164	25	286·56
Totals -	8,206	2,498	2,734	5,784	1,770	4,886	7,762	5,306	18,519	16,011	73,476	305	240·90
Totals 1910 -	7,332	2,939	2,845	5,826	2,322	5,584	8,864	6,633	21,930	17,181	81,456	307	264·35
Increase - -	874	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease - -	...	441	111	42	552	698	1,102	1,327	3,411	1,170	7,980	...	...

Lending Library—Central—Statistics for 1911.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	655	280	496	2,486	446	15,531	2,193	2,102	3,901	28,090	25	1,123·60
February - -	661	249	465	2,550	444	15,202	2,031	1,993	4,616	28,211	24	1,175·45
March - - -	725	214	426	2,779	463	17,087	2,116	2,073	4,515	30,398	27	1,122·14
April - - -	554	232	380	2,141	361	15,439	1,753	1,718	3,624	26,202	24	1,091·75
May - - - -	541	214	361	1,981	324	13,322	1,620	1,531	2,451	22,345	26	859·42
June - - -	425	181	292	1,423	284	11,996	1,220	1,184	1,702	18,707	25	748·28
July - - - -	360	148	257	1,405	227	11,925	1,131	995	1,666	18,114	25	724·56
August - - -	365	134	261	1,454	260	12,851	1,209	960	*	17,494	27	647·92
September - -	508	149	352	1,881	321	14,593	1,484	1,259	1,809	22,356	25	894·24
October - -	663	237	454	2,230	404	15,133	1,829	1,703	2,407	25,060	26	963·84
November - -	772	264	616	2,477	428	15,794	1,937	1,869	2,987	27,144	26	1,044·00
December - -	754	235	440	2,016	389	14,912	1,618	1,587	2,972	24,923	25	996·92
Totals - - -	6,983	2,537	4,800	24,823	4,351	173,785	19,941	18,974	32,850	289,044	305	947·68
Totals, 1910 -	6,465	2,414	5,222	26,135	4,227	182,123	20,809	20,225	38,058	305,678	307	995·69
Increase - -	518	123	...	...	124	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease - -	...	...	422	1,312	...	8,338	868	1,251	5,208	16,634	...	...

* Juveniles' Library closed during the month of August.

Lending Library—West Branch—Statistics for 1911.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	72	25	108	348	57	5,680	436	226	2,011	8,963	25	358·52
February - -	69	36	109	350	42	5,414	368	203	2,001	8,592	24	358·00
March - - -	72	37	95	433	63	6,118	400	228	2,139	9,585	27	355·00
April - - -	57	29	97	340	45	5,412	326	200	1,993	8,499	24	354·11
May - - - -	50	27	76	260	32	4,538	263	159	1,413	6,818	26	262·23
June - - -	42	19	66	185	41	4,032	185	131	1,214	5,915	25	236·60
July - - - -	45	16	47	159	40	4,043	156	115	1,185	5,806	25	232·24
August - - -	29	17	49	225	26	4,681	204	153	1,296	6,680	27	247·40
September -	43	25	72	294	30	5,170	267	166	1,274	7,341	25	293·64
October - -	48	31	67	338	56	5,147	333	183	1,525	7,728	26	297·23
November - -	67	40	85	389	59	5,608	437	212	1,984	8,881	26	341·57
December - -	53	39	94	346	63	5,207	356	194	1,929	8,281	25	330·04
Totals - - -	647	341	965	3,667	554	61,050	3,731	2,170	19,964	93,089	305	305·20
Totals, 1910 -	574	286	1,071	3,751	597	62,462	4,142	2,160	19,850	94,893	307	309·09
Increase - -	73	55	...	...	...	...	...	10	114	...	...	...
Decrease - -	...	...	106	84	43	1,412	411	...	...	1,804	...	...

Lending Library—Portobello Branch—Statistics for 1911.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	34	19	28	125	24	5,462	256	154	2,009	8,111	25	324·44
February - -	14	16	33	137	33	5,106	237	162	1,681	7,419	24	309·12
March - - -	22	22	23	111	31	5,723	264	169	1,640	8,005	27	296·48
April - - -	16	16	12	66	22	5,173	215	124	1,398	7,042	24	293·41
May - - -	17	10	7	67	27	4,229	141	110	919	5,527	26	212·57
June - - -	12	7	5	51	22	3,457	108	102	581	4,345	24	181·04
July - - - -	15	7	17	63	25	3,652	125	81	545	4,530	25	181·20
August - - -	15	4	17	58	18	3,935	122	70	580	4,819	27	178·48
September -	21	15	9	83	16	4,323	169	93	850	5,579	25	223·16
October - -	29	13	15	109	21	5,109	235	135	1,486	7,152	26	275·07
November -	25	20	21	153	21	5,632	304	146	2,372	8,694	26	334·38
December - -	19	18	15	124	18	5,130	309	149	2,302	8,084	25	323·36
Totals - - -	239	167	202	1,147	278	56,931	2,485	1,495	16,363	79,307	304	260·87
Totals, 1910 -	279	154	246	1,375	266	52,997	2,690	1,626	16,070	75,703	307	246·58
Increase -	...	13	...	...	12	3,934	...	...	293	3,604	...	...
Decrease -	40	...	44	228	...	...	205	131	...	...	...	...

Lending Library—North Branch—Statistics for 1911.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	88	35	84	323	55	6,545	401	322	2,328	10,181	25	407·24
February - -	87	28	64	369	65	6,150	378	300	2,566	10,007	24	416·95
March - - -	86	25	79	348	65	6,624	407	260	2,539	10,433	27	386·40
April - - -	65	27	53	266	50	6,113	349	230	2,331	9,484	24	395·16
May - - -	52	29	54	258	28	5,345	261	204	1,536	7,767	26	298·73
June - - -	40	23	46	171	33	4,536	191	161	1,271	6,472	25	258·88
July - - - -	37	13	52	188	35	4,611	207	144	1,271	6,558	25	262·32
August - - -	40	13	41	212	21	4,886	234	161	1,366	6,974	27	258·29
September -	54	16	66	277	66	5,651	341	189	1,414	8,074	25	322·96
October - -	70	24	75	257	47	5,962	398	233	1,621	8,687	26	334·11
November - -	92	56	81	302	89	6,389	385	277	2,288	9,959	26	383·03
December - -	68	29	65	303	59	6,145	343	245	2,077	9,334	25	373·36
Totals - - -	779	318	760	3,274	613	68,957	3,895	2,726	22,608	103,930	305	340·75
Totals, 1910 -	754	276	763	3,372	550	69,943	4,316	2,883	21,214	104,071	307	338·99
Increase - -	25	42	...	...	63	...	...	...	1,394	...	...	...
Decrease - -	...	...	3	98	...	986	421	157	...	141	...	...

Lending Library—East Branch—Statistics for 1911.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days open.	Daily Average.
January - -	116	65	143	539	112	9,069	514	477	3,994	15,029	25	601·16
February - -	104	75	150	534	159	9,237	490	436	4,231	15,416	24	642·30
March - - -	126	63	144	594	141	10,350	618	463	4,455	16,954	27	627·18
April - - -	101	62	125	561	98	9,335	494	328	3,882	14,986	24	624·41
May - - - -	95	62	134	490	124	7,598	339	340	2,886	12,068	26	464·15
June - - -	74	49	123	419	82	6,731	332	329	2,382	10,521	25	420·84
July - - - -	76	33	121	378	53	6,739	323	317	2,466	10,506	25	420·24
August - - -	54	29	82	338	56	6,768	274	225	2,353	10,179	27	377·00
September - -	80	49	129	472	87	8,196	391	345	2,567	12,316	25	492·64
October - -	82	65	195	465	122	8,619	500	445	3,395	13,888	26	534·15
November - -	106	61	192	482	105	8,797	567	496	4,358	15,164	26	583·23
December - -	89	47	134	385	88	8,417	454	385	3,994	13,993	25	559·72
Totals - - -	1,103	660	1,672	5,657	1,227	99,856	5,296	4,586	40,963	161,020	305	527·93
Totals, 1910 -	1,010	562	1,546	5,426	1,303	98,563	5,147	4,412	42,444	160,413	289	555·06
Increase - -	93	98	126	231	...	1,293	149	174	...	607	...	...
Decrease - -	...	...	...	...	76	...	...	...	1,481	...	...	...

Lending Library—Morningside Branch—Statistics for 1911.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	72	23	60	205	77	6,376	367	172	1,856	9,208	25	368·32
February - -	73	31	67	234	85	5,894	329	163	1,776	8,652	24	360·50
March - - -	80	42	57	208	84	6,815	355	156	1,957	9,754	27	361·25
April - - -	49	25	39	152	61	6,239	308	199	1,984	9,056	24	377·33
May - - -	38	32	30	122	55	5,533	247	117	1,234	7,408	26	284·92
June - - -	42	19	27	109	61	4,858	215	108	1,047	6,486	25	256·24
July - - - -	25	16	29	107	54	4,800	206	96	1,121	6,454	25	254·16
August - - -	36	13	20	118	48	4,946	185	108	1,165	6,639	27	245·88
September - -	54	32	39	164	55	6,232	297	102	1,323	8,298	25	331·92
October - -	48	31	45	182	64	6,292	284	184	1,402	8,532	26	328·15
November - -	63	42	65	196	80	6,564	354	182	1,597	9,143	26	351·65
December - -	50	30	67	179	85	6,308	303	163	1,969	9,154	25	366·16
Totals - - -	630	336	545	1,976	809	70,857	3,450	1,750	18,431	98,784	305	328·88
Totals, 1910 -	691	337	585	2,061	871	69,165	3,627	2,122	17,744	97,203	307	316·62
Increase - -	...	...	...	...	...	1,692	...	...	687	1,581	...	..
Decrease - -	61	1	40	85	62	...	177	372	...	...	...	...

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Edinburgh Public Library.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1912.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

I HAVE to submit the following as my Report for the year 1912, viz.:—

GENERAL.

From the opening of the Library in June 1890 to the 31st December last the total number of books consulted in the Reference Department and taken out for reading at home was 18,230,386, as follows:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	1,941,570
Lending do. - -	9,718,398
West Branch - - - -	1,827,321
Portobello Branch - - -	1,083,283
North Branch - - - -	1,342,458
East Branch - - - -	1,547,749
Morningside Branch - - -	767,607
Total - -	18,230,386

The total reading for the year in all the Departments, but

excluding the books on the open shelves of the Reference Library, was as follows:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	84,669
Lending do. - -	272,787
West Branch - - - -	88,532
Portobello Branch - - -	77,623
North Branch - - - -	103,102
East Branch - - - -	155,232
Morningside Branch - - -	96,268
Total - -	878,213

In reckoning the total figures no account is taken of the very large number of references to Directories, Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, Year Books, Acts of Parliament, Court of Session Cases, in the Reference Department of the Central Library, of numerous consultations of the small reference collections in the Branches, nor of the 80,000 books given out in the Children's Room of the West Branch.

The total reading for last year was represented in figures by 898,650; this year it is 878,213, a decrease of 20,437 or very nearly 2½ per cent.

There are, all over, decreases of 11,000 each in the Classes of Fiction and books for Juveniles. There are increases in Fiction reading of 30 in Morningside, and of 747 in Stockbridge; but decreases of 4,473 in the East, and 2,879 in the West Branches, 2,761 in the Central Library, and 1,647 in the Portobello Branch.

The Home Reading of the Juveniles' Section of the Central Library has greatly declined although our stock of books there is fresher and more attractive than it was any time for the last 10 years.

READERS' TICKETS.

These are renewed in periods of three years. The last

renewal commenced on 1st January 1909, and by 31st December of that year there were 4,830 electors and 14,992 non-electors enrolled. The present renewal commenced on 1st January, and 7,008 electors and 20,687 non-electors were enrolled, showing increases of 2,178 and 5,695 respectively.

SOILED AND WORN-OUT BOOKS.

With a decline in the reading of novels and of books for Juveniles there was less need to replace soiled and worn-out books. Compared with last year there were 552 fewer replaced. The numbers for the Central and Branch Libraries are :—

	1911.	1912.
Central - -	2,593	1,867
West Branch - -	685	668
Portobello Branch -	153	347
North Branch - -	369	801
East Branch - -	677	482
Morningside Branch -	489	247
Totals -	4,966	4,412

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The work of this Department has been increasing for years. In the course of last year 1,333 volumes were added mainly by purchase. The number of works consulted in the same time was 84,669 compared with 73,476 the previous year. Only two classes show decreases, 33 in Religion and 14 in History.

The largest increase is, as might be expected, in Literature, but the Classes of Fine Arts and Useful Arts show gratifying increases, amounting to 946. The number of works consulted, in June, the lowest of the year, was a daily average of 141, to which low figure it had declined from an average of 389 per day in February. It rose gradually again to 367 in November, but as usual receded somewhat in December.

The Catalogue of the Technical Section is now completed, and in the hands of the printers.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

4,217 volumes and over 700 magazines were issued to adult blind readers at their homes through the Agency of the Society for Teaching the Blind to read at their own homes.

The work overtaken by this Agency is of great value, and among the blind the new books supplied by the Library Committee from time to time are much appreciated.

On pages five to fourteen will be found Tables showing the Stock of Books in the various Libraries at 31st December, the number consulted in the Reference Library and the number taken out for home reading compared with 1911.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

HEW MORRISON.

PUBLIC LIBRARY,
EDINBURGH, 23*rd January* 1913.

BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1911, the number added and the total stock at the end of 1912.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1911.	Vols. added.	1912.
General	16,423	147	16,570
Philosophy	776	23	799
Religion...	4,345	74	4,419
Sociology	5,675	170	5,845
Philology	1,253	18	1,271
Natural Science	3,278	95	3,373
Useful Arts	4,537	169	4,706
Fine Arts	4,705	173	4,878
Literature	13,868	166	14,034
History	15,926	298	16,224
Total ...	70,786	1,333	72,119

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Class.	1911.	Vols. added.	1912.
Religion	4,895	34	4,929
Philosophy	924	27	951
Sociology	2,484	46	2,530
Science and Art	6,911	63	6,974
Poetry and Drama	1,770	4	1,774
Fiction	17,873	360	18,233
History, Biography and Travel ...	7,968	90	8,058
General Literature	6,474	50	6,524
Juveniles' Literature	5,955	149	6,104
Total ...	55,254	823	56,077

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1911.	Vols. added.	1912.
Religion	503	10	513
Philosophy	134	4	138
Sociology	433	6	439
Science and Art	1,293	28	1,321
Poetry and Drama	227	4	231
Fiction	6,299	241	6,540
History, Biography, and Travel ...	1,384	31	1,415
General Literature	717	11	728
Juveniles' Literature	2,858	101	2,959
Reference Books	219	28	247
Children's Room	793	19	812
Total ...	14,860	483	15,343

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1911.	Vols. added.	1912
Religion	147	5	152
Philosophy	58	2	60
Sociology	122	3	125
Science and Art	392	13	405
Poetry and Drama	101	1	102
Fiction	3,642	182	3,824
History, Biography, and Travel ...	871	20	891
General Literature	382	15	397
Juveniles' Literature	1,468	54	1,522
Reference Books	104	29	133
Total ...	7,287	324	7,611

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1911.	Vols. added.	1912.
Religion	445	6	451
Philosophy	113	11	124
Sociology	297	6	303
Science and Art	1,115	8	1,123
Poetry and Drama	185	1	186
Fiction	5,411	225	5,636
History, Biography, and Travel	1,221	22	1,243
General Literature	725	13	738
Juveniles' Literature ...	2,253	76	2,329
Reference Books	259	17	276
Total ...	12,024	385	12,409

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1911.	Vols. added.	1912.
Religion	546	8	554
Philosophy	216	7	223
Sociology	429	12	441
Science and Art	1,162	25	1,187
Poetry and Drama	308	4	312
Fiction	7,177	326	7,503
History, Biography, and Travel	1,425	23	1,448
General Literature	918	16	934
Juveniles' Literature ...	3,334	134-895	2573
Reference Books	346	48	394
Total ...	15,861	603-895	15,569

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1911.	Vols. added.	1912.
Religion	252	2	254
Philosophy	162	2	164
Sociology	222	10	232
Science and Art	544	8	552
Poetry and Drama	199	—	199
Fiction	4,141	191	4,332
History, Biography, and Travel	790	20	810
General Literature	573	2	575
Juveniles' Literature ...	1,700	52	1,752
Reference Books	64	1	65
Total ...	8,647	288	8,935

TOTAL STOCK.

	1911.	Vols. added.	1912.
Reference Library	70,786	1,333	72,119
Lending Library	55,254	823	56,077
West Branch	14,860	483	15,343
Portobello Branch	7,287	324	7,611
North Branch	12,024	385	12,409
East Branch	15,861	603-895	15,569
Morningside Branch ...	8,647	288	8,935
Total ...	184,719	4,239-895	188,063

REFERENCE LIBRARY—Statistics for 1912.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January . .	1,101	446	329	571	191	489	746	523	3,136	1,514	9,046	26	347·92
February . .	1,437	315	259	817	196	675	826	506	2,730	1,977	9,738	25	389·52
March . .	930	248	312	617	224	628	990	651	2,272	1,495	8,367	26	321·8
April . .	953	223	217	660	160	645	589	579	1,876	1,252	7,154	25	286·16
May . .	799	309	181	650	193	564	704	460	2,393	1,441	7,694	26	295·92
June . .	772	174	154	414	150	486	550	338	1,518	996	5,552	25	222·08
July . .	603	72	106	180	93	270	422	456	783	839	3,824	27	141·62
August . .	993	103	172	315	88	167	431	412	1,113	875	4,669	27	172·92
September .	758	74	115	406	126	292	559	480	1,259	1,031	5,100	24	212·5
October . .	890	305	280	849	138	565	747	557	2,010	1,354	7,695	27	285·00
November .	865	376	381	981	251	658	765	623	2,659	2,002	9,561	26	367·73
December .	854	154	195	701	158	485	652	448	1,401	1,221	6,269	25	250·76
Totals . .	10,955	2,799	2,701	7,161	1,968	5,924	7,981	6,033	23,150	15,997	84,669	309	274·00
Totals, 1911 .	8,206	2,498	2,734	5,784	1,770	4,886	7,762	5,306	18,519	16,011	73,476	305	240·90
Increase . .	2,749	301	—	1,377	198	1,038	219	727	4,631	—	11,193	—	—
Decrease . .	—	—	33	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—CENTRAL—Statistics for 1912.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January .	544	355	492	2,029	418	15,348	1,914	1,548	2,580	25,228	26	970·30
February .	533	211	433	2,194	417	15,135	1,942	1,456	2,943	25,264	25	1010·56
March . .	629	214	440	2,340	415	16,504	1,741	1,395	2,853	26,531	26	1020·42
April . .	492	203	432	2,135	368	15,211	1,654	1,276	2,555	24,326	25	973·04
May . .	437	248	405	1,967	337	13,647	1,604	1,277	1,827	21,749	26	836·50
June . .	388	185	330	1,466	287	12,661	1,408	1,284	1,711	19,720	25	788·80
July . .	382	140	253	1,254	241	12,502	1,140	915	1,607	18,434	27	683·11
August .	370	152	285	1,232	228	13,382	1,339	973	1,668	19,629	27	730·70
September .	398	165	295	1,480	285	13,473	1,467	1,129	1,795	20,487	24	853·62
October .	524	264	481	1,931	378	15,005	1,931	1,437	2,321	24,272	27	898·96
November .	587	280	461	2,085	432	15,107	1,922	1,636	2,550	25,060	26	963·80
December .	528	200	403	1,797	306	13,049	1,674	1,469	2,661	22,087	25	883·48
Totals . .	5,812	2,617	4,710	21,910	4,112	171,024	19,736	15,795	27,071	272,787	309	882·80
Totals, 1911 .	6,983	2,537	4,800	24,823	4,351	173,785	19,941	18,974	32,850	289,044	305	947·68
Increase .	—	80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease .	1,171	—	90	2,913	239	2,761	205	3,179	5,779	16,257	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—WEST BRANCH—Statistics for 1912.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January .	52	28	111	354	62	5,402	342	227	1,865	8,443	26	324·73
February .	63	44	84	385	56	5,255	363	226	2,011	8,487	25	339·48
March . .	54	27	69	432	60	5,648	335	202	1,939	8,766	26	337·15
April . .	53	32	66	274	39	5,423	269	195	1,928	8,279	25	331·16
May . .	41	20	59	250	37	4,653	268	153	1,407	6,888	26	264·92
June . .	40	26	46	230	28	3,926	222	128	1,151	5,797	25	231·08
July . .	33	23	63	197	36	3,940	180	110	1,028	5,610	27	207·77
August* .	33	10	45	199	19	3,907	205	96	1,081	5,595	21	266·42
September .	57	15	81	303	36	4,587	302	126	1,178	6,685	24	278·54
October .	67	17	86	311	37	4,982	337	172	1,520	7,529	27	278·85
November .	72	28	97	342	55	5,453	396	210	1,930	8,583	26	330·11
December .	62	20	63	236	39	4,995	287	207	1,961	7,870	25	314·80
Totals . .	627	290	870	3,513	504	58,171	3,506	2,052	18,999	88,532	303	292·18
Totals, 1911 .	647	341	965	3,667	554	61,050	3,731	2,170	19,964	93,089	305	305·20
Increase .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease .	20	51	95	154	50	2,879	225	118	965	4,557	—	—

* Closed from 12th to 17th August.

LENDING LIBRARY—PORTOBELLO BRANCH—Statistics for 1912.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January .	20	13	16	117	41	5,463	294	174	2,331	8,469	26	325·73
February .	21	20	10	153	20	5,526	288	130	2,006	8,174	25	326·96
March . .	29	15	17	111	18	5,787	304	117	1,544	7,942	26	305·46
April . .	16	24	13	96	20	5,102	203	97	1,286	6,857	25	274·28
May . .	14	12	11	83	17	4,219	137	71	824	5,388	26	207·23
June . .	11	11	10	59	12	3,749	123	67	639	4,681	24	195·04
July . .	9	10	11	53	10	3,572	114	53	571	4,403	27	163·07
August .	13	14	8	56	9	3,592	102	91	680	4,565	27	169·07
September .	16	18	10	78	9	3,814	140	99	744	4,928	24	205·33
October .	22	17	14	118	19	4,754	225	145	1,319	6,633	27	245·66
November .	30	17	19	131	24	5,080	295	171	2,058	7,825	26	300·96
December .	11	7	17	111	17	4,626	277	136	2,556	7,758	25	310·32
Totals . .	212	178	156	1,166	216	55,284	2,502	1,351	16,558	77,623	308	252·02
Totals, 1911 .	239	167	202	1,147	278	56,931	2,485	1,495	16,363	79,307	304	260·87
Increase .	—	11	—	19	—	—	17	—	195	—	—	—
Decrease .	27	—	46	—	62	1,647	—	144	—	1,684	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—NORTH BRANCH—Statistics for 1912.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January .	79	41	76	317	62	6,377	367	249	2,121	9,689	26	372·65
February .	76	28	85	324	70	6,194	349	243	2,238	9,607	25	384·28
March . .	96	30	84	363	70	6,828	355	237	2,225	10,288	26	395·69
April . .	48	27	81	262	58	6,123	309	199	1,874	8,981	25	359·24
May . .	56	23	73	203	61	5,310	291	154	1,522	7,693	26	295·88
June . .	37	31	46	232	50	5,103	237	124	1,186	7,046	25	281·84
July . .	22	13	42	169	39	4,982	256	137	1,331	6,991	27	258·92
August .	40	18	52	186	35	5,261	256	154	1,347	7,349	27	272·18
September .	38	29	69	247	36	5,851	328	179	1,504	8,281	24	345·04
October .	77	47	101	296	80	5,917	431	248	1,722	8,919	27	330·33
November .	83	50	91	295	74	6,248	496	254	1,916	9,507	26	365·65
December .	64	27	77	317	63	5,510	422	225	2,046	8,751	25	350·04
Totals . .	716	364	877	3,211	698	69,704	4,097	2,403	21,032	103,102	309	333·66
Totals, 1911 .	779	318	760	3,274	613	68,957	3,895	2,726	22,608	103,930	305	340·75
Increase .	—	46	117	—	85	747	202	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease .	63	—	—	63	—	—	—	323	1,576	828	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—EAST BRANCH—Statistics for 1912.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January .	116	60	161	502	166	8,793	489	464	3,973	14,724	26	566·30
February .	135	61	194	523	144	8,783	537	478	4,059	14,914	25	596·56
March . .	115	56	165	504	115	9,688	538	510	4,209	15,900	26	611·53
April . .	108	47	126	421	112	8,695	469	431	3,926	14,335	25	573·40
May . .	100	59	121	343	112	7,507	358	413	2,853	11,866	26	456·38
June . .	87	60	123	406	123	7,164	338	380	2,737	11,418	25	456·72
July . .	60	57	108	352	84	6,633	267	321	2,384	10,266	27	380·22
August .	29	21	62	276	63	6,148	218	289	2,027	9,133	27	338·25
September .	52	61	159	387	89	7,447	346	373	2,451	11,365	24	473·54
October .	109	67	200	485	139	8,414	518	515	3,149	13,596	27	503·55
November .	168	81	207	505	170	8,706	532	479	3,865	14,713	26	565·88
December .	97	63	159	401	134	7,405	412	413	3,918	13,002	25	520·80
Totals . .	1,176	693	1,785	5,105	1,451	95,383	5,022	5,066	39,551	155,232	309	502·36
Totals, 1911 .	1,103	660	1,672	5,657	1,227	99,856	5,296	4,586	40,963	161,020	305	527·93
Increase .	73	33	113	—	224	—	—	480	—	—	—	—
Decrease .	—	—	—	552	—	4,473	274	—	1,412	5,788	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—MORNINGSIDE BRANCH—Statistics for 1912.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January .	53	28	42	166	57	6,624	311	164	1,834	9,279	26	356·88
February .	46	47	37	211	90	6,505	368	147	1,677	9,128	25	365·12
March . .	62	35	56	225	69	7,083	357	166	1,699	9,752	26	375·07
April . .	53	31	23	181	48	6,299	278	136	1,431	8,480	25	339·20
May . .	41	27	26	151	44	5,885	213	117	1,039	7,543	26	290·11
June . .	38	33	24	140	60	5,119	217	89	1,091	6,811	25	272·44
July . .	37	22	22	147	49	5,231	181	89	1,019	6,797	27	251·74
August .	36	11	18	103	35	4,663	149	83	1,191	6,289	27	232·96
September .	35	21	35	152	47	5,124	240	82	1,379	7,115	24	296·45
October .	40	35	47	180	59	5,989	360	98	1,201	8,009	27	296·62
November .	47	47	47	175	72	6,439	365	111	1,552	8,855	26	340·57
December .	30	37	35	158	74	5,926	277	94	1,579	8,210	25	328·40
Totals . .	518	374	412	1,989	704	70,887	3,316	1,376	16,692	96,268	309	311·54
Totals, 1911 .	630	336	545	1,976	809	70,857	3,450	1,750	18,431	98,784	305	328·88
Increase .	—	38	—	13	—	30	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease .	112	—	133	—	105	—	134	374	1,739	2,516	—	—

Edinburgh Public Library.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1913.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

I HAVE to submit the following as my Report for the year 1913, viz. :—

GENERAL.

From the opening of the Library in June 1890 to the 31st December last the total number of books consulted in the Reference Department and taken out for reading at home was 19,061,308, as follows :—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	2,028,057
Lending do. - -	9,965,978
West Branch - - - -	1,914,079
Portobello Branch - - -	1,150,726
North Branch - - - -	1,445,898
East Branch - - - -	1,703,258
Morningside Branch - - -	853,312
Total - -	19,061,308

The total reading for the year in all the Departments, but

excluding the books on the open shelves of the Reference Library, was as follows:—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	86,487
Lending do. - -	247,580
West Branch - - - -	86,758
Portobello Branch - - -	67,443
North Branch - - - -	103,440
East Branch - - - -	155,509
Morningside Branch - - -	85,705
Total - -	832,922

In reckoning the total figures no account is taken of the very large number of references to Directories, Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, Year Books, Acts of Parliament, Court of Session Cases, in the Reference Department of the Central Library, of numerous consultations of the small reference collections in the Branches, nor of the 75,574 books given out in the Children's Room of the West Branch.

The total reading for last year was represented in figures by 878,213; this year it is 832,922, showing a decrease of 45,291. Of this large decrease upwards of 10,000 can be accounted for, by the Libraries being open for one day less in 1913 than in 1912, and the closing of Morningside Branch Library for twenty, and Portobello Branch Library for eight, working days. All over there is a decrease of 34,838 in the issue of novels, which is more than three-fourths of the whole decrease. In the early months of this year I was able to report increases in the Home Reading, but since June there has been a steady decline.

In the department for Juveniles there are increases of 4,719 in the East Branch Library, and 1,107 in the North Branch Library, but decreases in the Central Library of 896, in the West Branch Library, 739, in Morningside Branch Library, 1,173, and in Portobello Branch Library, 143. On the whole issue of books for Juveniles there is an increase of 2,875.

READERS' TICKETS.

These are renewed in periods of three years. The last renewal commenced on 1st January 1909, and by 31st December of 1910 there were 8,863 electors and 29,578 non-electors enrolled. The present renewal commenced on 1st January 1912, and 9,733 electors and 29,135 non-electors were enrolled, showing an increase of 427.

SOILED AND WORN-OUT BOOKS.

With a decline in the reading of novels there was less need to replace soiled and worn-out books. The numbers for the Central and Branch Libraries are :—

	1912.	1913.
Central - -	1,867	1,284
West Branch - -	668	695
Portobello Branch -	347	264
North Branch - -	801	503
East Branch - -	482	502
Morningside Branch -	247	373
Totals -	4,412	3,621

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Although there have been decreases in the Home Reading Departments of the Library, the work of the Reference Library this year was, on the whole, satisfactory. There were 1,818 more works consulted than in 1912. There were increases in the reading in History, Philosophy and Philology, as well as a gratifying increase of 645 in the section of Useful Arts. In this last section there were only 467 works consulted in the month of July, but with the issue of the new Catalogue it rose, until in November there were 845 works consulted.

There are great variations in some of the classes. For example, the class of Sociology which showed last year an increase of 1,377, has this year a decrease of 813; while the

class of Natural Science, in which there was an increase of 1,038, has a decrease of 326. In History, where last year there was a slight decrease of 14, there is this year an increase of 3,296.

Both in the months of February and November the number of works consulted in the Reference Department reached a total of over 10,000. This Department of the Library was open one day less in 1913 than in 1912.

The Catalogue of the Technical Section was issued in September, and 2,000 copies were delivered at workshops and offices in the city. Copies have been given away since to apprentices and workmen who applied for them. The first Catalogue of the Technical section, which was issued in 1903, consisted of eighty-eight pages, that of this year extends to one hundred and seventy-two pages. Not only does it contain names of the Authors and subject titles of the books in the Technical section, but it has a subject index of the works in the Useful Arts class of the Home Reading Department.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

4,606 volumes and over 700 magazines were issued to adult blind readers at their homes through the Agency of the Society for Teaching the Blind to read at their own homes.

The work overtaken by this Agency is of great value, and among the blind the new books supplied by the Library Committee from time to time are much appreciated.

On pages five to fourteen will be found Tables showing the Stock of Books in the various Libraries at 31st December, the number consulted in the Reference Library and the number taken out for home reading compared with 1912.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

HEW MORRISON.

PUBLIC LIBRARY,
EDINBURGH, 23*rd January* 1914.

BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1912, the number added and the total stock at the end of 1913.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1912.	Vols. added.	1913
General ...	16,570	245	16,815
Philosophy	799	33	832
Religion ...	4,419	60	4,479
Sociology	5,845	291	6,136
Philology	1,271	22	1,293
Natural Science	3,373	170	3,543
Useful Arts	4,706	115	4,821
Fine Arts	4,878	145	5,023
Literature	14,034	182	14,216
History ...	16,224	288	16,512
Total ...	72,119	1,551	73,670

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Class.	1912.	Vols. added.	1913.
Religion ...	4,929	26	4,955
Philosophy	951	20	971
Sociology	2,530	43-8	2,565
Science and Art	6,974	43-690	6,327
Poetry and Drama ...	1,774	3	1,777
Fiction ...	18,233	333	18,566
History, Biography, and Travel	8,058	69-1	8,126
General Literature	6,524	30-11	6,543
Juveniles' Literature	6,104	137	6,241
Total ...	56,077	704-710	56,071

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1912.	Vols. added.	1913.
Religion ...	513	10	523
Philosophy	138	3	141
Sociology	439	13	452
Science and Art	1,321	30	1,351
Poetry and Drama ..	231	4	235
Fiction ...	6,540	246	6,786
History, Biography, and Travel	1,415	33	1,448
General Literature ...	728	19	747
Juveniles' Literature	2,959	92	3,051
Reference Books ...	247	4	251
Children's Room ...	812	14	826
Total ...	15,343	468	15,811

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1912.	Vols. added.	1913.
Religion	152	8	160
Philosophy	60	2	62
Sociology	125	7	132
Science and Art	405	17	422
Poetry and Drama	102	3	105
Fiction	3,824	174	3,998
History, Biography, and Travel ...	891	27	918
General Literature	397	10	407
Juveniles' Literature	1,522	98	1,620
Reference Books	133	1	134
Total ...	7,611	347	7,958

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1912.	Vols. added.	1913.
Religion	451	8	459
Philosophy	124	1	125
Sociology	303	4	307
Science and Art	1,123	8	1,131
Poetry and Drama	186	1	187
Fiction	5,636	245	5,881
History, Biography, and Travel	1,243	33	1,276
General Literature	738	16	754
Juveniles' Literature ...	2,329	69	2,398
Reference Books	276	5	281
Total ...	12,409	390	12,799

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1912.	Vols. added.	1913.
Religion	554	9-86	477
Philosophy	223	5-22	206
Sociology	441	14-88	367
Science and Art	1,187	21-126	1,082
Poetry and Drama	312	4-35	281
Fiction	7,503	322-3,167	4,658
History, Biography, and Travel	1,448	24-169	1,303
General Literature	934	15-220	729
Juveniles' Literature ...	2,573	99	2,672
Reference Books	394	2	396
Total ...	15,569	515-3,913	12,171

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1912.	Vols. added.	1913.
Religion	254	1	255
Philosophy	164	—	164
Sociology	232	3	235
Science and Art	552	1	553
Poetry and Drama	199	1	200
Fiction	4,332	302	4,634
History, Biography, and Travel	810	10	820
General Literature	575	3	578
Juveniles' Literature ...	1,752	—	1,752
Reference Books	65	1	66
Total ...	8,935	322	9,257

TOTAL STOCK.

	1912.	Vols. added.	1913.
Reference Library	72,119	1,551	73,670
Lending Library	56,077	704-710	56,071
West Branch	15,343	468	15,811
Portobello Branch	7,611	347	7,958
North Branch	12,409	390	12,799
East Branch	15,569	515-3,913	12,171
Morningside Branch	8,935	322	9,257
Total ...	188,063	4,297-4,623	187,737

NUMBER OF BOOKS issued for Home Reading in the Various Classes.

Class.	1913.	1912.	Increase.	Decrease.
Religion	8,130	9,061	—	931
Philosophy . . .	3,930	4,516	—	586
Sociology . . .	7,721	8,810	—	1,089
Science and Art . .	31,875	36,894	—	5,019
Poetry and Drama . .	7,195	7,685	—	490
Fiction	485,615	520,453	—	34,838
History, Biography, and Travel . . .	35,199	38,179	—	2,980
General Literature . .	23,992	28,043	—	4,051
Juveniles' Literature .	142,778	139,903	2,875	—
Total .	746,435	793,544	2,875	49,984

REFERENCE LIBRARY—Statistics for 1913.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January . .	836	278	243	841	249	639	732	510	2,518	1,968	8,814	26	339·00
February . .	980	360	338	771	260	863	902	591	2,898	2,510	10,473	24	436·37
March . .	741	154	234	546	217	627	869	460	2,131	1,713	7,692	26	295 84
April . .	766	239	225	477	160	432	772	571	1,989	1,574	7,205	25	288·20
May . .	757	269	202	571	150	477	664	505	2,530	2,094	8,219	26	316·11
June . .	684	138	101	277	89	267	663	334	1,349	1,170	5,072	25	202·88
July . .	677	98	145	167	120	226	467	296	666	974	3,836	27	142 07
August . .	554	109	159	228	97	305	553	334	641	1,120	4,100	26	157·69
September .	1,071	210	165	307	178	308	613	377	1,037	1,278	5,544	25	221·76
October . .	1,476	294	249	711	297	440	849	489	1,599	1,524	7,928	27	293·62
November .	1,498	511	321	903	458	597	845	552	2,363	1,955	10,003	25	400·12
December .	1,282	352	295	549	346	417	697	520	1,730	1,413	7,601	26	292·34
Totals . .	11,322	3,012	2,677	6,348	2,621	5,598	8,626	5,539	21,451	19,293	86,487	308	280·80
Totals, 1912 .	10,955	2,799	2,701	7,161	1,968	5,924	7,981	6,033	23,150	15,997	84,669	309	274·00
Increase . .	367	213	—	—	653	—	645	—	—	3,296	1,818	—	—
Decrease . .	—	—	24	813	—	326	—	494	1,699	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—CENTRAL—Statistics for 1913.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January .	576	233	464	1,827	387	14,755	1,788	1,555	2,475	24,060	26	925·38
February .	520	224	442	2,043	369	14,163	1,711	1,633	2,575	23,680	24	986·66
March . .	462	196	372	1,939	306	15,794	1,668	1,398	2,707	24,842	26	955·46
April . .	395	219	327	1,663	366	14,026	1,519	1,154	2,208	21,877	25	875·08
May . .	399	185	342	1,450	346	13,410	1,379	1,089	1,915	20,515	26	789.03
June . .	245	114	246	1,035	257	11,171	1,119	728	1,687	16,602	25	664·08
July . .	279	100	177	850	175	10,952	1,037	718	1,542	15,830	27	586.29
August .	303	111	220	1,006	191	10,523	989	663	1,600	15,606	26	600·23
September .	401	131	248	1,358	216	12,355	1,328	827	1,874	18,738	25	749·52
October .	554	204	344	1,877	358	13,990	1,493	969	2,370	22,159	27	820.70
November .	504	214	345	1,739	398	13,709	1,700	1,290	2,662	22,561	25	902·44
December .	474	191	334	1,566	334	13,167	1,313	1,171	2,560	21,110	26	811·92
Totals . .	5,112	2,122	3,861	18,353	3,703	158,015	17,044	13,195	26,175	247,580	308	803·83
Totals, 1912 .	5,812	2,617	4,710	21,910	4,112	171,024	19,736	15,795	27,071	272,787	309	882·80
Increase .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease .	700	495	849	3,557	409	13,009	2,692	2,600	896	25,207	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—WEST BRANCH—Statistics for 1913.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January .	61	21	88	301	65	5,288	368	227	1,912	8,331	26	320·42
February .	59	33	79	321	56	5,287	425	180	1,883	8,323	24	346·79
March . .	69	20	61	321	48	5,459	337	164	1,873	8,352	26	321·23
April . .	57	15	59	307	47	5,098	277	162	1,660	7,682	25	307·28
May . .	54	30	71	296	34	4,811	273	167	1,494	7,230	26	278·07
June . .	49	15	41	222	30	4,124	258	145	1,238	6,122	25	244·88
July . .	35	12	39	173	31	4,002	173	116	1,108	5,689	27	210·70
August .	34	6	21	186	25	4,084	187	112	988	5,643	26	217·03
September .	45	16	55	233	53	4,555	249	138	1,208	6,552	25	262·08
October .	66	15	70	357	32	4,933	353	144	1,465	7,435	27	275·37
November .	49	29	70	362	47	5,107	321	176	1,583	7,744	25	309·76
December .	54	19	57	262	36	4,945	279	155	1,848	7,655	26	294·42
Totals . .	632	231	711	3,341	504	57,693	3,500	1,886	18,260	86,758	308	281·68
Totals, 1912 .	627	290	870	3,513	504	58,171	3,506	2,052	18,999	88,532	303	292·18
Increase .	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease .	—	59	159	172	—	478	6	166	739	1,774	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—PORTOBELLO BRANCH—Statistics for 1913.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January .	27	10	26	98	42	4,789	270	137	2,281	7,680	26	295·38
February .	25	16	11	99	33	4,546	253	141	2,088	7,212	24	300·50
March . .	23	9	12	133	43	5,039	262	154	2,002	7,677	26	295·26
April . .	19	5	14	87	22	4,450	191	114	1,467	6,369	25	254·76
May* . .	13	1	13	51	17	3,086	147	97	803	4,228	19	222.52
June . .	8	4	9	62	11	2,965	117	61	794	4,031	24	167·95
July . .	10	6	8	48	10	2,847	101	55	658	3,743	27	138·62
August .	3	2	7	40	5	2,914	98	43	713	3,825	26	147·11
September .	5	6	10	92	23	3,398	135	62	807	4,538	25	181·52
October .	14	6	14	112	10	4 040	197	110	1,308	5,811	27	215·22
November .	22	13	34	97	10	3,898	227	124	1,622	6,047	25	241·88
December .	16	11	29	116	21	3,859	226	132	1,872	6,282	26	241·66
Totals . .	185	89	187	1,035	247	45,831	2,224	1,230	16,415	67,443	300	224·81
Totals, 1912 .	212	178	156	1,166	216	55,284	2,502	1,351	16,558	77,623	308	252·02
Increase .	—	—	31	—	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease .	27	89	—	131	—	9,453	278	121	143	10,180	—	—

* Closed from 5th to 12th May inclusive.

LENDING LIBRARY—NORTH BRANCH—Statistics for 1913.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January .	55	31	83	328	67	6,088	487	231	1,895	9,265	26	356 34
February .	62	53	82	302	68	5,836	439	217	2,074	9,133	24	380·54
March . .	51	33	71	344	55	6,551	494	230	2,072	9,904	26	389·80
April . .	55	43	63	280	42	6,006	440	175	2,073	9,177	25	367·08
May . .	46	45	62	292	42	5,838	410	182	1,781	8,698	26	334·53
June . .	26	33	52	219	35	4,798	377	159	1,310	7,009	25	280·36
July . .	45	26	48	195	33	4,813	298	138	1,392	6,988	27	258·81
August .	22	18	39	206	56	4,719	267	112	1,204	6,643	26	255·50
September .	45	38	69	244	53	5,835	327	163	1,865	8,639	25	345·56
October .	72	35	79	291	57	6,142	432	212	2,066	9,386	27	347·62
November .	81	40	84	271	58	6,114	440	209	2,179	9,476	25	379·04
December .	68	24	88	223	50	5,815	445	184	2,228	9,125	26	350·96
Totals . .	628	419	820	3,195	616	68,555	4,856	2,212	22,139	103,440	308	335·84
Totals, 1912 .	716	364	877	3,211	698	69,704	4,097	2,403	21,032	103,102	309	333·66
Increase .	—	55	—	—	—	—	759	—	1,107	338	—	—
Decrease .	88	—	57	16	82	1,149	—	191	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—EAST BRANCH—Statistics for 1913.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January .	121	84	153	471	147	8,313	494	450	4,213	14,446	26	555·61
February .	106	65	197	472	145	8,269	493	476	4,356	14,579	24	607·45
March . .	124	76	174	506	155	9,033	546	446	4,598	15,658	26	602·23
April . .	96	64	155	445	138	8,179	451	362	4,453	14,343	25	573·72
May . .	87	69	123	355	148	7,864	384	324	3,514	12,868	26	494·92
June . .	71	45	140	291	94	6,709	299	248	2,945	10,842	25	433·68
July . .	66	50	89	270	76	6,395	261	251	3,034	10,492	27	388·59
August .	44	25	70	265	59	5,783	280	205	2,416	9,147	26	351·80
September .	91	43	149	367	80	7,264	329	301	3,161	11,785	25	471·40
October .	115	57	173	409	118	8,500	474	386	3,610	13,842	27	512·66
November .	110	64	183	394	136	8,068	441	426	3,990	13,812	25	552·48
December .	95	49	166	382	117	8,099	401	406	3,980	13,695	26	526·73
Totals . .	1,126	691	1,772	4,627	1,413	92,476	4,853	4,281	44,270	155,509	308	504·89
Totals, 1912 .	1,176	693	1,785	5,105	1,451	95,383	5,022	5,066	39,551	155,232	309	502·36
Increase .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,719	277	—	—
Decrease	50	2	13	478	38	2,907	169	785	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—MORNINGSIDE BRANCH—Statistics for 1913.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January .	36	47	27	158	95	5,927	305	116	1,516	8,227	26	316·42
February .	40	37	44	152	68	5,888	307	142	1,441	8,119	24	338·29
March . .	48	50	35	135	82	6,500	343	158	1,735	9,086	26	349·46
April . .	50	48	35	128	80	6,001	265	136	1,640	8,383	25	335·32
May . .	41	38	39	126	92	5,901	252	82	1,276	7,847	26	301·80
June* . .	13	14	13	31	41	2,171	109	35	455	2,882	12	240·16
July* . .	19	10	16	54	37	3,409	110	45	665	4,365	20	218·25
August .	27	17	19	63	31	4,413	138	62	948	5,718	26	219·92
September .	39	27	22	100	42	5,108	184	103	1,327	6,952	25	278·08
October .	45	31	53	127	41	5,948	229	97	1,379	7,950	27	294·44
November .	44	34	39	124	51	5,949	258	116	1,546	8,161	25	326·44
December .	45	25	28	126	52	5,830	222	96	1,591	8,015	26	308·26
Totals . .	447	378	370	1,324	712	63,045	2,722	1,188	15,519	85,705	288	297·58
Totals, 1912 .	518	374	412	1.989	704	70,887	3,316	1,376	16,692	96,268	309	311·54
Increase .	—	4	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease .	71	—	42	665	—	7,842	594	188	1,173	10,563	—	—

Edinburgh Public Library.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT,

1914.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

I BEG to submit the following as my Report for the year ended 31st December 1914.

GENERAL.

Had the latter half of the year continued to maintain the number of books consulted and taken out for home reading which earlier months showed, the total from the opening of the Library in 1890 would have reached twenty millions.

The actual figures are :—

Central Library—	
Reference Department - -	2,112,715
Lending Do. - -	10,195,784
West Branch (1897) - - -	1,997,773
Portobello Branch (1897) - -	1,219,203
North Branch (1900) - - -	1,543,353
East Branch (1904) - - -	1,856,946
Morningside Branch (1905) - -	941,854
Total - -	19,867,628

The total reading for the year in all the departments and branches is represented by the following figures :—

Central Library—				
Reference Department		-	-	84,658
Lending	Do.	-	-	229,806
West Branch -	-	-	-	83,694
Portobello Branch	-	-	-	68,477
North Branch	-	-	-	97,455
East Branch -	-	-	-	153,688
Morningside Branch	-	-	-	88,542
	Total	-	-	806,320

In 1913 the numbers were 832,922, showing a decline of 26,602, or slightly over 3 per cent for this year. As usual there is no account taken of Directories, Dictionaries, or Annuals, of which there is a large selection on the open shelves of the Reference Department, or of the numbers of books given out in the evenings to the frequenters of the Children's Room in Dundee Street, although these reached 70,653 for the twelve months. It may here be mentioned that the Children's Room in the Nelson Hall building, St Leonards', was opened in January, but in September it was requisitioned by the military authorities, and has continued to be occupied by them since. The books, tables, etc., were removed to the stores of the Central Library.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

There is a decrease of 1,829 in the number of books consulted in this department. Last year the total was 86,487, this year 84,658, a decrease of 1¾ per cent.

The decreases in Literature and History are due in some measure to the fact that there are fewer students at the University, and that the students attending the College of the Provincial Committee for the Training of Teachers have a very good and

suitable library and reading room of their own in the New College Buildings at Moray House.

In the section of Useful Arts there was in 1913 an abnormal number of books consulted, following upon the publication and gratis circulation of over 2,000 copies of a new catalogue of the books in the Technical Section of this department. This year there is a falling off of 448 in that class, but it is satisfactory to find an increase of 246 in the class of Fine Arts. Philosophy, Religion, Sociology, Philology, and Natural Science show increases ranging from 22 to 942. The average daily issue of books was highest in February, when it was 404. In August this had sunk to 153, but rose to 349 in November, to go down to 265 in December. Details will be found on p. 12.

To the Reference Library there was added in January by purchase a very interesting collection of books and pamphlets, 80 in number, relating to the Edinburgh stage. Mr J. H. Cunningham presented a set of the *Transactions of the American Society of Civil Engineers*, and recently the Trustees of the late John Jordan gifted a volume containing a set of artist's proofs by Sir John Gilbert of Scott's "Ivanhoe" designed for the *London Journal*. Only two proofs of these were taken.

The following are some of the more notable and interesting books added to this department during the year :—

Almack (E.) Fine Old Bindings . . . in Edward Almack's Library. 1913.

Baker (A. E.) A Concordance to the . . . Works of Alfred, Lord Tennyson. 1914.

Ballen (Dorothy). Bibliography of Road-making and Roads in the United Kingdom. 1914.

Barron (E. M.) The Scottish War of Independence. 1914.

Bradley (F. H.) Essays on Truth and Reality. 1914.

Brown (P. H.) The Legislative Union of England and Scotland. 1914.

*Burgh of Edinburgh, Valuation Roll, 1914-15, and Index. 17 vols. 1914.

Cordeiro (F. J. B.) The Gyroscope. 1913.

Couper (W. J.) The Millers of Haddington, Dunbar, and Dunfermline. 1914.

Dawe (E. A.) Paper and its Uses. 1914.

Dawson (W. H.), *ed.* Year-Book of the Universities of the Empire. 1914.

* Presented by the Town Council.

Eddington (A. S.) Stellar Movements and the Structure of the Universe. 1914.
Elder (J. R.) The Highland Host of 1678. 1914.
Fierens-Gevaerat. The Brussels Gallery of Old Masters. 1914.
Forsyth (C.) Orchestration. 1914.
Fraser (Sir T.) Recollections with Reflections. 1914.
Gallatin (A. E.) The Portraits and Caricatures of James M'Neil Whistler. 1913.
Garofalo (Baron R.) Criminology (Modern Criminal Science Series). 1914.
Georgi & Schubert. Sheet Metal Working. 1914.
Gloag (W. M.) The Law of Contract . . . Scotland. 1914.
Gray (W. F.) Some Old Scots Judges. 1914.
Grünwald (J.) The Raw Materials for the Enamel Industry. 1914.
Gwynn (J.), *ed.* Liber Ardmachanus. The Book of Armagh. 1913.
Haberlandt (G.) Physiological Plant Anatomy. 1914.
Hamilton (W. F.) Compulsory Arbitration in Industrial Disputes. 1913.
Hastings (J.), *ed.* The Great Texts of the Bible. (In Progress.) 1910.
Henderson (T. F.) The Royal Stewarts. 1914.
Herbertson & Howarth, *eds.* The Oxford Survey of the British Empire. 6 vols. 1914.
Hewison (J. K.) The Runic Roods of Ruthwell and Bencastle. 1914.
Hobson (E. W.) John Napier and the Invention of Logarithms, 1614. 1914.
Hooker (A. H.) Chloride of Lime in Sanitation. 1913.
Horner (J. G.) Gear Cutting in Theory and Practice. 1914.
Horsburgh (E. M.), *ed.* Modern Instruments and Methods of Calculation. 1914.
Huyshe (W.) Grey Galloway, its Lords and its Saints. 1914.
Kennedy (Rankin). The Book of the Motor Car. 3 vols. 1913.
Key (A. Cooper-). A Primer on the Storage of Petroleum Spirit, etc. 1914.
King (Hugh B.) A Short History of Feudalism in Scotland. 1914.
Langley & Manly. Langley Memoir on Mechanical Flight. 1911.
Laurie (A. P.) The Pigments and Mediums of the Old Masters. 1914.
Lenygon (F.) Decoration in England from 1660-1770. 1914.
— Furniture in England from 1660-1760. 1914.
Lewis (Timothy). A Glossary of Mediæval Welsh Law. 1913.
Lloyd (G. I. H.) The Cutlery Trades. 1913.
Loew (E. A.) The Beneventan Script : a History of the South Italian Minuscule. 1914.
Lunge (George). Technical Gas-Analysis. 1914.
Mackay (Angus). The History of the Province of Cat. 1914.
Masson (D.) Shakespeare Personally. 1914.
Masson (Flora). Robert Boyle : a Biography. 1914.
Meredith (J. B.) Fragmentary Records of a Long Life. 1910.
Miller (James). Practical Pathology. 1914.

Moss (C. E.) and Others. The Cambridge British Flora. (In Progress.) 1914.

Nansen (F.) Through Siberia, the Land of the Future. 1914.

Nolan (R. S.) The Law of Sporting Rights. 1914.

Ollard & Crosse, *eds.* A Dictionary of English Church History. 1912.

Page (Wm.), *ed.* The Victoria History of the County of York, North Riding. (In Progress.) 1914.

Pearson (Karl). The Life, Letters, and Labours of Francis Galton. (In Progress.) 1914.

Perrin & Boulger. British Flowering Plants. 4 vols. 1914.

Petrie (W. M. F.) Amulets Illustrated by the Egyptian Collection in University College, London. 1914.

Pray & Kimball. City Planning. 1913.

Reinhardt (R.) Palast-Architektur . . . Genua, 1886.

Rhodes (H. J.) The Art of Lithography. 1914.

Ricci (S. de). Louis XVI. Furniture.

Richardson (A. E.) Monumental Classic Architecture in Great Britain and Ireland, 18th and 19th Centuries. 1914.

Robertson & Babington, *ed.* Irish Law Reports. Annotated Reprint. (In Progress.) 1913.

Rowntree & Pigou. Lectures on Housing. (Warburton Lectures.) 1914.

Ruvigny (Marquis of), *ed.* The Titled Nobility of Europe. 1914.

Seebohm (F.) Customary Acres and their Historical Importance. 1914.

Shipping Trades Index. 1914.

Shorter (C.), *ed.* The Complete Poems of Emily Brontë. 1910.

Slater (J. H.) Robert Louis Stevenson : a Bibliography of his Complete Works. 1914.

Smith (H. A.) The Law of Associations : Corporate and Unincorporate. 1914.

Smith (R. H.) Boilers, Economisers and Superheaters. 1915.

Smith & Mikami. A History of Japanese Mathematics. 1914.

Spicer & Pegler. Practical Auditing. 1911.

Stanley (R.) Text-Book on Wireless Telegraphy. 1914.

Stevenson (J. H.) Heraldry in Scotland. 2 vols. 1914.

Stopes (Mrs C. C.) Shakespeare's Environment. 1914.

Sullivan (Sir E.) The Book of Kells. 1914.

Taylor (A. & H.) The Book of the Duffs. 2 vols. 1914.

Thomson (W. G.) Tapestry Weaving in England. 1914.

Transactions of the Ossianic Society, 1853-58. 6 vols. 1854-61.

Warren (Sir C.) The Early Weights and Measures of Mankind. 1913.

Waterhouse (G.) The Literary Relations of England and Germany in the 17th Century. 1914.

Watt (J. C.) The Mearns of Old. 1914.

Weaver (L.) Houses and Gardens, by E. L. Lutyens. 1913.

Welch (Charles). Coat-Armour of the London Livery Companies. 1914.

Whitehead (R. B.) Catalogue of Coins in the Panjab Museum, Lahore. 2 vols. 1914.

Williams & Pearson. A Statistical Study of Oral Temperatures in School Children . . . 1914.

Zimmer (G. F.) Engineering of Antiquity.

HOME READING.

The total Home Reading reached in 1913 a total of 746,435 but this year only to 721,662, a decrease of about $3\frac{1}{3}$ per cent There was a decrease in every class except in books for Juveniles, where the increase for the year is 9,131.

In the **Central Library** the increase in the Juveniles' Section is 2,472; but the decrease in Fiction is 6,631 and 3,898 in History, Biography, and Travel. The highest average daily issue for a month was in February, when it was 930; the lowest in August, 586, from which it rose steadily to 757 in November, dropping to 743 for December. The details are given on p. 13.

In the **West Branch** the increase in the Juveniles' Section is 563, but that number is satisfactory when it is to be noted that in the children's room in the building over 70,000 were issued. The decrease in Novel reading is only 1,512, but in Science and Art it is 682. The total decrease is 3,064. The highest daily average for a month was in January, the lowest in July. For details see p. 14.

In the **Portobello Branch** there is an increase over all of 1,034, the Library being closed last year from 5th to 12th May. There are small increases in Religion, Philosophy, Sociology, and Science and Art, and a satisfactory increase of 3,156 in the books for Juveniles. The highest average daily issue for a month was 306 in February, and the lowest in July, 147, rising in November to 248, and falling again in December to 236. Details on p. 15.

In the **North Branch** there is an increase of 1,101 in the circulation of books for young people. The other classes show decreases; the total over all being 5,985, Fiction alone accounting for 5,187. The highest daily average for a month was in January, when it was 367. It dropped to 254 in July, rising to 323 in November, and falling in December to 311. Details on p. 16.

The **East Branch** has the largest circulation of the branch libraries, and while there is only an increase in the section for Juveniles, it is satisfactory that the increase of 1,527 follows an

increase of 4,719 in the same section for the previous year. The decrease in Fiction is only 727, and over all the classes 1,821. The new Catalogue of this branch is selling well. The highest daily average issue for a month was in December, when it was 601. The lowest was in August, 367. It rose again to 600 in December. Details on p. 17.

In the **Morningside Branch** there were increases of 5 in Sociology, 3,401 in Fiction, and 312 in books for Juveniles. This Library was closed in 1913 from 16th June to 8th July. Over all there is an increase of 2,837. The highest daily average for a month was 340 in February, the lowest, 224, in August. It rose to 293 in November, falling to 285 in December. Details on p. 18.

SOILED AND WORN-OUT BOOKS.

As fewer books of consequence than usual were issued in the Autumn, advantage was taken of the opportunity to examine more closely the condition of the books in popular demand, and replace such of them as were worn out or soiled. The following are the numbers thus dealt with :—

	1913.	1914.
Central - -	1,284	2,218
West Branch - -	695	519
Portobello Branch -	264	332
North Branch - -	503	630
East Branch - -	502	331
Morningside Branch -	373	398
Totals -	3,621	4,428

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.

The most notable addition to the Books for the Blind during the year was a copy of the Works of Robert Burns in Braille Type. The Society for Teaching the Adult Blind to read at their own Homes (of which, by your nomination, I am a director)

takes charge of this section of our work, and the Superintendent presents a report of his work in connection with the circulation of the books every three months. For this year the numbers were—Moon Type, 1,909; Braille, 2,482, and 720 magazines, making 5,111 in all.

I append the usual tables and a list of the newspapers and periodicals supplied in the Central and Branch Libraries.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

HEW MORRISON.

31*st December* 1914

BOOK STOCK.

The following Tables show the number of Books in the Central Library and Branches at 31st December 1913, the number added, and the total stocks at the end of 1914.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1913.	Vols. added.	1914.
General	16,815	189	17,004
Philosophy	832	21	853
Religion	4,479	83	4,562
Sociology	6,136	276	6,412
Philology	1,293	48	1,341
Natural Science	3,543	115	3,658
Useful Arts	4,821	178	4,999
Fine Arts	5,023	150	5,173
Literature	14,216	134	14,350
History	16,512	283	16,795
Total	73,670	1,477	75,147

CENTRAL LENDING LIBRARY.

Class.	1913.	Vols. added.	1914.
Religion	4,955	35	4,990
Philosophy	971	10	981
Sociology	2,565	29	2,594
Science and Art	6,327	21	6,348
Poetry and Drama	1,777	—	1,777
Fiction	18,566	282	18,848
History, Biography, and Travel	8,126	32	8,158
General Literature	6,543	30	6,573
Juveniles' Literature	6,241	118	6,359
Total	56,071	557	56,628

WEST BRANCH.

Class.	1913.	Vols. added.	1914.
Religion	523	5	528
Philosophy	141	4	145
Sociology	452	7	459
Science and Art	1,351	15	1,366
Poetry and Drama	235	2	237
Fiction	6,786	230	7,016
History, Biography, and Trial	1,448	20	1,468
General Literature	747	12	759
Juveniles' Literature	3,051	78	3,129
Reference Books	251	1	252
Children's Room	826	12	838
Total	15,811	386	16,197

PORTOBELLO BRANCH.

Class.	1913.	Vols. added.	1914.
Religion	160	14	174
Philosophy	62	—	62
Sociology	132	6	138
Science and Art	422	22	444
Poetry and Drama	105	5	110
Fiction	3,998	175	4,173
History, Biography, and Travel	918	22	940
General Literature	407	5	412
Juveniles' Literature	1,620	67	1,687
Reference Books	134	1	135
Total	7,958	317	8,275

NORTH BRANCH.

Class.	1913.	Vols. added.	1914.
Religion	459	2	461
Philosophy	125	3	128
Sociology	307	5	312
Science and Art	1,131	6	1,137
Poetry and Drama	187	—	187
Fiction	5,881	250	6,131
History, Biography, and Travel	1,276	24	1,300
General Literature	754	11	765
Juveniles' Literature	2,398	70	2,468
Reference Books	281	—	281
Total	12,799	371	13,170

EAST BRANCH.

Class.	1913.	Vols. added.	1914.
Religion	477	7	484
Philosophy	206	4	210
Sociology	367	13	380
Science and Art	1,082	18	1,100
Poetry and Drama	281	4	285
Fiction	4,658	307	4,965
History, Biography, and Travel	1,303	24	1,327
General Literature	729	12	741
Juveniles' Literature	2,672	127	2,799
Reference Books	396	3	399
Total	12,171	519	12,690

MORNINGSIDE BRANCH.

Class.	1913.	Vols. added.	1914.
Religion	255	3	258
Philosophy	164	—	164
Sociology	235	4	239
Science and Art	553	4	557
Poetry and Drama	200	—	200
Fiction	4,634	266	4,900
History, Biography, and Travel	820	16	836
General Literature	578	8	586
Juveniles' Literature	1,752	65	1,817
Reference Books	66	—	66
Total	9.257	366	9,623

ST LEONARD'S BRANCH.

Class.	1913.	Vols. added.	1914.
Children's Room	—	430	430
Reference Books	—	62	62
Total	—	492	492

TOTAL STOCK.

Class.	1913.	Vols. added.	1914.
Reference Library	73,670	1,477	75,147
Lending Library	56,071	557	56,628
West Branch	15,811	386	16,197
Portobello Branch	7,958	317	8,275
North Branch	12,799	371	13,170
East Branch	12,171	519	12,690
Morningside Branch	9,257	366	9,623
St Leonard's Branch	—	492	492
Total	187,737	4,485	192,222

REFERENCE LIBRARY—Statistics for 1914.

Month.	General.	Philosophy.	Religion.	Sociology.	Philology.	Natural Science.	Useful Arts.	Fine Arts.	Literature.	History.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January -	1,021	366	372	620	374	449	887	652	2,368	1,874	8,983	26	345·5
February -	890	371	366	799	340	549	920	736	2,442	2,291	9,704	24	404·33
March - -	952	402	361	727	312	527	822	529	2,401	1,941	8,974	26	345·15
April - -	871	371	285	389	277	474	767	572	1,774	1,436	7,216	25	288·64
May - -	828	347	259	458	238	546	691	330	2,011	1,995	7,703	26	296·26
June - -	925	350	277	524	232	485	661	381	1,312	1,121	6,268	25	250·72
July - -	658	194	232	446	172	331	548	401	1,019	1,197	5,198	27	192·51
August -	814	136	116	289	145	218	352	269	791	865	3,995	26	153·65
September -	607	181	225	337	216	342	453	418	1,067	755	4,601	25	184·04
October -	705	359	323	621	273	503	684	483	1,322	1,103	6,376	27	236·14
November -	819	414	485	947	365	662	715	484	2,120	1,726	8,737	25	349·48
December -	854	307	318	584	296	534	678	530	1,552	1,250	6,903	26	265·5
Totals - -	9,944	3,798	3,619	6,741	3,240	5,620	8,178	5,785	20,179	17,554	84,658	308	274·86
Totals, 1913 -	11,322	3,012	2,677	6,348	2,621	5,598	8,626	5,539	21,451	19,293	86,487	308	280·8
Increase -	—	786	942	393	619	22	—	246	—	—	—	—	—
Decrease -	1,378	—	—	—	—	—	448	—	1,272	1,739	1,829	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—CENTRAL—Statistics for 1914.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	441	201	373	1,629	307	14,807	1,475	1,286	2,356	22,875	26	879·80
February - -	432	183	342	1,528	306	14,095	1,448	1,182	2,816	22,332	24	930·5
March - -	401	182	294	1,648	294	14,584	1,377	1,048	3,052	22,880	26	880·00
April - - -	367	181	263	1,298	229	13,471	1,144	811	2,428	20,192	25	807·68
May - - -	349	165	232	1,277	236	12,869	1,181	948	1,748	19,005	25	760·2
June - - -	268	126	182	956	179	11,523	1,004	777	1,621	16,636	26	639·84
July - - -	233	134	170	892	161	11,093	906	732	1,810	16,131	27	597·44
August - -	187	73	159	666	149	10,909	777	558	1,774	15,252	26	586·61
September - -	281	102	207	923	136	11,346	838	635	2,048	16,516	25	660·64
October - -	363	177	335	1,098	251	13,019	924	776	2,769	19,712	27	730·07
November - -	335	201	276	1,116	318	11,763	1,093	903	2,938	18,943	25	757·72
December - -	373	188	227	1,113	267	11,905	979	993	3,287	19,332	26	743·53
Totals - -	4,030	1,913	3,060	14,144	2,833	151,384	13,146	10,649	28,647	229,806	308	746·12
Totals, 1913 -	5,112	2,122	3,861	18,353	3,703	158,015	17,044	13,195	26,175	247,580	308	803·83
Increase - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,472	—	—	—
Decrease - -	1,082	209	801	4,209	870	6,631	3,898	2,546	—	17,774	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—WEST BRANCH—Statistics for 1914.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	58	15	84	278	55	5,593	336	177	1,874	8,470	26	325·76
February - -	62	21	52	317	55	5,041	296	159	1,794	7,797	24	324·87
March - -	62	20	69	311	61	5,439	309	203	1,949	8,423	26	323·96
April - - -	69	18	87	229	40	5,068	220	131	1,944	7,806	25	312·24
May - - -	48	17	67	235	31	4,806	252	136	1,468	7,060	25	282·4
June - - -	40	24	48	219	32	3,995	206	121	1,135	5,820	26	223·84
July - - -	31	13	38	151	28	3,912	174	84	1,193	5,624	27	208·29
August - -	30	4	29	117	15	4,188	148	84	1,096	5,711	26	219·65
September - -	35	4	38	154	17	4,414	208	86	1,215	6,171	25	246·84
October - -	61	12	42	198	31	4,834	224	107	1,452	6,961	27	257·81
November - -	47	8	43	214	31	4,461	174	124	1,852	6,954	25	278·16
December - -	36	12	30	236	29	4,430	175	98	1,851	6,897	26	265·26
Totals - -	579	168	627	2,659	425	56,181	2,722	1,510	18,823	83,694	308	271·73
Totals, 1913 -	632	231	711	3,341	504	57,693	3,500	1,886	18,260	86,758	308	281·68
Increase - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	563	—	—	—
Decrease - -	53	63	84	682	79	1,512	778	376	—	3,064	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—PORTOBELLO BRANCH—Statistics for 1914.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	28	12	26	130	18	4,354	291	136	2,276	7,271	26	279·65
February - -	8	11	22	154	32	4,341	290	87	2,404	7,349	24	306·20
March - -	18	7	17	149	26	4,428	239	135	2,448	7,467	26	287·19
April - - -	15	6	13	118	16	4,003	145	79	1,691	6,086	25	243·44
May - - -	10	10	21	82	10	3,605	160	78	1,218	5,194	25	207·76
June - - -	8	7	12	51	11	2,844	134	63	1,044	4,174	25	166·96
July - - -	15	8	11	57	8	2,875	81	41	898	3,994	27	147·92
August - -	17	2	9	43	4	2,932	66	61	1,020	4,154	26	159·63
September - -	12	6	19	54	12	3,252	102	54	931	4,442	25	177·68
October - -	26	11	18	66	15	3,865	199	107	1,674	5,981	27	221·51
November - -	16	15	17	105	22	3,756	192	113	1,974	6,210	25	248·40
December - -	21	15	17	82	23	3,702	194	108	1,993	6,155	26	236·73
Totals - -	194	110	202	1,091	197	43,957	2,093	1,062	19,571	68,477	307	223·05
Totals, 1913 -	185	89	187	1,035	247	45,831	2,224	1,230	16,415	67,443	300	224·81
Increase - -	9	21	15	56	—	—	—	—	3,156	1,034	—	—
Decrease - -	—	—	—	—	50	1,874	131	168	—	—	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—NORTH BRANCH—Statistics for 1914.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	64	35	79	295	49	6,207	450	222	2,144	9,545	26	367·11
February - -	65	30	66	270	41	5,424	430	171	2,116	8,613	24	358·87
March - -	58	28	68	247	49	6,019	452	198	2,239	9,358	26	359·92
April - - -	46	19	53	228	31	5,679	390	162	2,173	8,781	25	351·24
May - - -	51	27	57	181	31	5,281	440	156	1,888	8,112	25	324·48
June - - -	40	22	43	192	37	4,737	288	144	1,573	7,076	26	272·15
July - - -	29	14	42	199	40	4,659	284	160	1,451	6,878	27	254·74
August - -	24	12	39	127	20	4,508	307	112	1,495	6,644	26	255·53
September - -	40	21	54	183	32	5,033	334	167	1,874	7,738	25	309·52
October - -	57	35	80	175	43	5,607	325	185	2,013	8,520	27	315·55
November - -	53	39	63	195	48	5,105	323	166	2,098	8,090	25	323·60
December - -	47	11	49	179	45	5,109	332	152	2,176	8,100	26	311·53
Totals - -	574	293	693	2,471	466	63,368	4,355	1,995	23,240	97,455	308	316·44
Totals, 1913 -	628	419	820	3,195	616	68,555	4,856	2,212	22,139	103,440	308	335·84
Increase - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,101	—	—	—
Decrease - -	54	126	127	724	150	5,187	501	217	—	5,985	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—EAST BRANCH—Statistics for 1914.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry and Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	117	59	118	353	129	8,889	401	375	4,061	14,502	26	567·76
February - -	136	69	147	410	147	8,541	426	385	4,157	14,418	24	600·75
March - -	124	70	185	508	149	8,787	478	396	4,337	15,034	26	578·23
April - - -	82	60	158	410	125	8,387	388	334	4,287	14,231	25	569·24
May - - -	94	58	150	359	98	7,627	336	321	3,482	12,525	25	501·00
June - - -	83	47	137	291	110	6,244	296	320	2,512	10,040	26	386·15
July - - -	58	61	144	282	73	6,225	247	298	2,568	9,956	27	368·74
August - -	45	39	84	224	59	6,138	247	190	2,524	9,550	26	367·30
September - -	58	28	67	275	63	6,358	251	179	2,671	9,950	25	398·00
October - -	110	50	90	330	76	8,206	330	319	4,322	13,833	27	512·3
November - -	65	51	112	312	107	7,759	349	276	4,985	14,016	25	560·64
December - -	66	40	89	329	67	8,588	300	263	5,891	15,633	26	601·26
Totals - -	1,038	632	1,481	4,083	1,203	91,749	4,049	3,656	45,797	153,688	308	498·90
Totals, 1913 -	1,126	691	1,772	4,627	1,413	92,476	4,853	4,281	44,270	155,509	308	504·89
Increase - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,527	—	—	—
Decrease - -	88	59	291	544	210	727	804	625	—	1,821	—	—

LENDING LIBRARY—MORNINGSIDE BRANCH—Statistics for 1914.

Month.	Religion.	Philosophy.	Sociology.	Science and Art.	Poetry & Drama.	Fiction.	History, Biography, Travel.	General Literature.	Juveniles' Literature.	Totals.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
January - -	35	32	34	108	54	6,329	229	99	1,553	8,473	26	325·88
February - -	46	25	30	128	43	6,024	281	138	1,445	8,160	24	340·00
March - -	41	25	42	159	65	6,268	271	138	1,522	8,531	26	328·11
April - - -	46	27	33	109	34	5,844	235	91	1,634	8,053	25	322·12
May - - -	43	27	25	108	44	5,861	219	85	1,178	7,590	26	291·92
June - - -	20	7	34	104	34	4,816	176	77	916	6,184	25	247·36
July - - -	29	19	28	89	27	4,826	139	67	961	6,185	27	229·07
August - -	21	6	21	62	24	4,503	135	37	1,038	5,847	26	224·88
September - -	25	15	19	89	26	5,391	149	84	1,276	7,074	25	282·96
October - -	28	22	43	93	36	5,850	195	90	1,340	7,697	27	285·07
November - -	33	17	35	98	44	5,359	240	99	1,412	7,337	25	293·48
December - -	27	17	31	67	47	5,375	187	104	1,556	7,411	26	285·03
Totals - -	394	239	375	1,214	478	66,446	2,456	1,109	15,831	88,542	308	287·47
Totals, 1913 -	447	378	370	1,324	712	63,045	2,722	1,188	15,519	85,705	288	297·58
Increase - -	—	—	5	—	—	3,401	—	—	312	2,837	—	—
Decrease - -	53	139	—	110	234	—	266	79	—	—	—	—

LIST OF PERIODICALS AND NEWSPAPERS in the Central, Branch Libraries, and Nelson Halls.

DAILIES.

	Central.	W. Branch.	Portobello Branch.	N. Branch.	E. Branch.	Morningside Branch.	St Leonard's
Aberdeen Free Press	1	1	...	1	1	1	...
Birmingham Daily Post	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Daily Chronicle	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
Daily Citizen	1	1	...	...	1	...	...
Daily Graphic	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Daily Mail	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Daily News and Leader	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
Daily Record and Mail	1	2	1	1	2	1	1
Daily Telegraph	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Dundee Advertiser	2	1	1	1	1	1	...
Dundee Courier	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Edinburgh Daily Stock and Share List	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Evening Dispatch	4	2	1	2	2	1	1
Evening News	4	2	1	2	2	1	1
Financial News	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Financial Times	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Freeman's Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Glasgow Herald	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Irish Times	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Le Matin	1	...	...	...	.	...	...
Liverpool Mercury	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manchester Guardian	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
National Zeitung	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
New York Herald	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Northern Whig	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pall Mall Gazette	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scotsman	6	2	1	2	2	1	1
Shipping Gazette	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Standard	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Times	2	...	...	...	...	1	...
Westminster Gazette	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Yorkshire Post	1	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Presented.

WEEKLIES, BI-WEEKLIES, ETC.

	Central.	W. Branch.	Portobello Branch.	N. Branch.	E. Branch.	Morningside Branch.	St Leonard's
*Age, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amateur Gardening	...	...	1	...	1	...	1
Amateur Photographer	1	1	1	1	1	1	...
American Machinist	1	1	1	...	1	...	1
Arbroath Guide	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Architect	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Army and Navy Gazette	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Athenæum	1	1	...	...	1	...	1
Athletic News	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
Auto Motor Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ayr Advertiser	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bailie, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Banffshire Journal	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
*Banner of Israel	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bazaar, Exchange and Mart	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Berwickshire News	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
*Board of Trade Journal	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Bookseller, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Border Standard	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Brechin Advertiser	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
British and Colonial Printer	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
British Architect	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
British Australasian	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
British Baker	1	...	..	...	...	...	...
British Medical Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
British Weekly	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Builder	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Building News	1	1	...	1	1	1	...
Building World	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Cabinet Maker	1	1	...	1	1	...	1
Canada	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canadian	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Cage Birds	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Carlisle Journal	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Carpenter and Builder	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Cassell's Saturday Journal	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Catholic Herald	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chemical News	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Christian Endeavour Times	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Civil Service Aspirant	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Civil Service Candidate	1	1	1	1	1	...	...
*Civil Service Hints	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Civilian	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clarion	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Clark's Educator	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Common Cause	1	1	...	1	1	...	...
*Contractors' Record	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Co-operative News	...	1	...	1	1	...	...
Country Life	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Daily Mail (for the blind)	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dental Surgeon	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Drapers' Record	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Dumfries and Galloway Courier	1	...	...	...	...	...	...

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Dumfries and Galloway Standard	1	...	...	1	1	1	1
Dundee Weekly News	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
Dunfermline Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Economist	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Edinburgh Citizen	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Edinburgh Gazette	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Educational News	1	1	...	1	1	...	1
Electrical Engineering	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Electrical Review	1	1	...	...	1	...	1
Electrical Times	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Electrician	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Engineer	1	1	...	...	1	1	1
Engineering	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
English Mechanic	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
Era	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Everyman	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Field	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fifeshire Advertiser	...	1	...	1	...	...	1
Fife Herald and Journal	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Fishing Gazette	1	1	...	1	1	1	...
Forward	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Fraserburgh Herald	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gardeners' Chronicle	1	1	...	1	...	1	...
Gentlewoman	1	...	...	1	...	...	..
Glasgow Weekly Mail	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Golf Illustrated	1	1	...	1	1	1	...
Graphic	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Great Thoughts	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Grocer and Oil Trade Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Haddington Advertiser	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Haddingtonshire Courier	1	1	...	...	...	...	1
*Hamilton Advertiser	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Harper's Weekly	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Hawick Express	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Health and Strength	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Hearth and Home	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
*Hereford Times	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highland News	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
Hobbies	...	1	...	1	1	...	...
Hospital, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Illustrated London News	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
*India	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
India-Rubber Journal	...	1	...	...	...	...	..
Inverness Courier	1	1	...	1	1	1	1
Investors' Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	..
Irish Weekly Times	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Jewish Chronicle	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
John o' Groat Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Journal of Gas Lighting	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Journal of the Royal Society of Arts	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Justice	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Leader	1	1	1	1	1	...	...
Lady's Pictorial	1	1	1	1	1	1	...

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Lancet	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Land and Water	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Leather Trades' Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Leith Burghs Pilot	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
Leith Observer	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
L'Illustration	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Littell's Living Age	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
London Opinion	...	1	1	1	1	...	...
Mechanical Engineer	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mining Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Model Engineer, etc.	1	1	1	...	1	1	1
Montrose, Arbroath, and Brechin Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Motor	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Motor Cycling	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Motor Traction	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nation, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Nation, The (American)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nature	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
New Statesman	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
North British Agriculturist	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Northern Chronicle	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Northern Ensign	...	1	...	...	1	...	1
Northern Weekly	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Notes and Queries	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nursing Times	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oban Times	1	1	...	...	1	1	1
Oil and Colourman's Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orkney Herald	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Page's Engineering Weekly	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patents—Illustrated Official Journal	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
Pearson's Weekly	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Peeblesshire Advertiser	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
People's Friend	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
People's Journal	1	1	1	1	1	...	1
Perthshire Advertiser	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
*Perthshire Courier	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Pharmaceutical Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Phonetic Journal	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Pitman's Shorthand	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Poultry	1	1	1	...	1	...	1
*Practical Engineer	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
*Present Truth	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
Publishers' Circular	1	1	1	1	1	1	...
Punch	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Queen	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Railway News	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ross-shire Journal	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sanitary Record	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saturday Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Schoolmaster	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Schoolmistress	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Science Siftings	1	1	...	...	1	...	1
Scientific American	1	1	...	1	...	...	...

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Scots Law Times	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scots Pictorial	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Scottish American	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Scottish Co-operator	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Scottish Cyclist	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
*Scottish Farmer	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scottish Law Reporter	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Scottish Prohibitionist	1	1	1	1	1	...	...
Scottish Trader	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scout, for Boys	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
*Shetland News	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Shipping Gazette	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Sketch, The	1	...	1	1	...	...	...
South Africa	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Southern Reporter	1	...	...	1	...	1	1
Spectator	1	1	...	1	1	1	1
Sphere	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Sporting and Dramatic News	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Statesman (Friend of India)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Statist, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stirling Saturday Observer	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Strathearn Herald	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sunday Companion	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
T.P.'s Weekly	1	1	1	1	1	1	...
Tablet, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tatler, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Teachers' Aid	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Temperance Leader	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Territorial Service Gazette	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Timber and Woodworking Machinery	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Timber Trades' Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Times, Weekly	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Truth	1	...	...	1	1	...	...
Votes for Women	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
Weekly Scotsman	1	1	1	1	1	...	...
Work	1	1	1	1	1	...	...
*Yarmouth Independent	1	...	...	...	...	...	...

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	Central.	W. Branch.	Portobello Branch.	N. Branch.	E. Branch.	Morningside Branch.	St Leonard's
Aberdeen University Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Accountants' Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	..	...
*Acetylene	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Adviser	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Agricultural Economist	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Agriculture of Victoria	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Alliance News	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Alpine Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
American Historical Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
American History, Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
American Journal of Philology	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
American Journal of Science	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
American Journal of Sociology	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
American Journal of Theology	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
American Library Annual	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
American Printer	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Ancient Shepherds	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
An-Deo-Greine	1	...	...	..	...	...	...
Animal World	1	1	1	1	...	...	...
*Animals' Friend	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Animals' Guardian	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Annals of American Academy, etc.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Annals of Botany	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Anti-Slavery Reporter	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Antiquary	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Arbitrator, The	1	1	1	1	1	...	...
Archæological Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Architects, Journal of Inst. of British	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Architects, Journal of the Society of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Architectural Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Archives de la Société Française	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Army List	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Arts, Les	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Asiatic Quarterly Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Asiatic Society, Journal of the Royal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Association for Preservation of Memorials of the Dead (Ireland)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Astronomical Society of Canada, Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Atlantic Monthly	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Author	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Badminton Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baily's Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Band of Hope Chronicle	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bankers' Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Berliner Architekturwelt	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Bible Student	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Biometrica	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Births, Deaths, and Marriages Returns (Scotland)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Births, Deaths, and Marriages Returns, Quarterly	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Blackwood's Magazine	1	1	1	1	1	1	...
*Blind Advocate	1	1	1	1	1	...	...

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	Central.	W. Branch.	Portobello Branch.	N. Branch.	E. Branch	Morningside Branch.	St Leonard's
Board of Agriculture, Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Book Auction Records	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bookman, The	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bookman (American)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Border Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Botanical Magazine (Curtis's)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Botanical Society of Edinburgh	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Botany (Britten)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Boys' Own Paper	1	1	1	1	..	1	...
Brewers' Guardian	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Britain's Opium Harvest	1	...	1	1	1	...	...
British Birds	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
British Chess Magazine	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
British Esperantist	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
British Printer	1	...	...	1	1	...	1
British Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
British Workman	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Building Industries	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
Bulletin of Entomological Research	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Bulwark, The	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Burlington Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Caledonian Jottings	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Captain, The	1	1	1	...	...	1	...
Cassell's Magazine of Fiction	...	1	1	1	1	...	...
Cassier's Engineering Monthly	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
Caxton Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Celtic Monthly	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Celtic Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Century Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chambers's Journal	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chatterbox	1	1	1	...	...	1	...
*Chemical Engineering, Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chemical Industry, Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Child, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Children's Friend	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Christian Science Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chums	1	1	1	1	1	1	...
Church Quarterly Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*City Sparrows	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Classical Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Clerk of Works Association, Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Colonial Office Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Colonizer, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Commercial Cases	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Concord	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Confectionery	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Connoisseur, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Contemporary Review	1	...	1	...	1	1	...
*Co-Partnership	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Cornhill Magazine	1	1	1	...	...	1	...
Cosmopolitan	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Cowkeeper and Dairyman's Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Cyclists' Touring Club	1	1	1	1	1	1	...

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Decorative Art, Journal of	1	...	...	...	1	1	...
Decorator, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dublin Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dunedin Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Early English Text Society (Original Series)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Early English Text Society (Extra Series)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Edinburgh Geological Society Transactions	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Edinburgh Medical Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Edinburgh Photographic Society	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Edinburgh Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Education, Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Educational Times	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Empire Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Engineering Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
English Historical Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
English Review	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
Entomology, Journal of Economic	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ethics, International Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Eugenics Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Expositor	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
Expository Times	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Faulding's Medical and Home Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Ferro Concrete	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Financial Review of Reviews	1	...	...	..	...	...	...
*Fire and Water	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
First Aid	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Folk Lore	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Folk-Song Society Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Foreign Mission Chronicle of the Episcopal Church	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fortnightly Review	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
Forum	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Friend's Historical Society	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Genealogist	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Genetics, Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Geographical Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Geological Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gipsy Lore Society, Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Girls' Own Paper	1	1	1	1	1	1	...
Girls' Realm	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
*Glad Tidings	2	2	2	2	2	2	...
Glasgow Medical Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Good Templar Guide	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
*Granite Cutters' Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Great Western Railway Magazine	1	1	...	1	1	...	...
Guth Na Bliadhna	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gypsy and Folk Lore Gazette	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*H.L.I. Chronicle	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Harper's Monthly Magazine	1	...	...	1	1	1	1
Health	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Hellenic Studies, Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Herald of the Cross	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
*Herald of the Golden Age	1	...	...	...	...	...	...

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*Herald of Health	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Herald of Peace	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hibbert Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hora Jucunda (for the blind)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Hosiery Trade Journal	1	...	...	...	...	..	...
Index Library	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Insurance Agent Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
International Review of Missions	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Interpreter, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jewish Quarterly Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Journal of Egyptian Archæology	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Juridical Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Juvenile Rechabite	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Knowledge	1	...	...	1	1	1	1
Labour Gazette	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
Ladies' Tailor	1	..	...	...	...	...	...
Lady's Realm	1	...	1	...	1	1	...
*Land Values	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Liberator, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Librarian, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Library	1	...	...	..	...	...	...
Library Assistant	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Library Association Record	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Library Journal (American)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Library World	1	1	1	1	1	...	1
*Literary Guide	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Literary World	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
Little Folks	2	1	1	1	...	1	...
London Magazine	...	1	1	1	...	...	...
MacClure's Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marine Engineer	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Microscopical Society, Journal of the Royal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mind	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mitteilungen	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Modern Language Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moderne Kunst	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monatshefte	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monist, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Month	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monthly Notices, Astronomical Society	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Monthly Record of the Free Church of Scotland	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Munsey's Magazine	1	...	...	...	1	...	1
*Musical Herald	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Musical Opinion	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Musical Times	1	1	...	1	1	...	1
*Musicians, Journal of Society of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Musicians' Report and Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Nation in Arms	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
*National Bible Society of Scotland	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
National Home Reading Union	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
National Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Natural History, Magazine of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...

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	Central.	W. Branch.	Portobello Branch.	N. Branch.	E. Branch.	Morningside Branch.	St Leonard's
Naturalist	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Navy List	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Neurology and Psychiatry	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*New Church Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
New England Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
New York Library Bulletin	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nineteenth Century and After	1	1	1	1	1	...	...
North American Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Northern British-Israel Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Original Secession Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orkney and Shetland (Old Lore)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Our Own Gazette	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palestine Exploration Fund	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pall Mall Magazine and Nash's	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
Paper Making	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Patents, British Machinist	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Patent Office Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pearson's Magazine	...	1	1	1	1	...	...
Pedigree Register	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Periodical, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Philosophical Magazine, etc.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Philosophical Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Physical Development	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
*Pioneer of Wisdom	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Plumber and Decorator	1	1	...	1	1	...	1
Poet-Lore (American)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Political Science Quarterly (American)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Popular Astronomy	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Positivist Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Printers' Register	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Progress (for the blind)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Psychology, British Journal of	1	..	...	...	...	...	...
Psychology, Educational Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Psychology, Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Public Libraries	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Quarterly Journal of Economics	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Quarterly Journal of Forestry	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Quarterly Journal of Geological Society	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Quarterly Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Queensland Mining Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Quiver	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Railway Official Gazette	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
*Rechabite Magazine	1	1	1	1	1	...	...
Recreation (for the blind)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Review of Reviews	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Revue Celtique	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Revue des Deux Mondes	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Roman Studies, Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Scottish Art Society Trans.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Society of Edinburgh (Proceedings)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Society of London, Series A	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Royal Society of London, Series B	1	...	...	...	...	...	...

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Saint Nicholas	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
*Sales and Wants Advertiser	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
School Hygiene	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Science Abstracts	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Science Progress	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scottish Banker's Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scottish Botanical Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scottish Country Life	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scottish Critic	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scottish Field	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scottish Geographical Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scottish Historical Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scottish Law Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scottish Mountaineering Club Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scottish Naturalist	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
*Scottish Reformer	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Scottish Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scottish Typographical Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scribner's Magazine	1	1	...	1	1	...	1
*Secretary, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Session Cases	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shoe and Leather Trader	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Socialist, The	1	...	..	...	...	...	...
Socialist Review	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Socialist Standard	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Son of Temperance	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
Sportsman and Tourist Guide	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*State Correspondent	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Stone Trades Journal	1	...	...	..	...	...	...
Strand Magazine	1	1	1	1	1	1	...
Studies	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Studio, The	1	...	1	1	1	1	...
Sunday at Home	1	...	...	...	1	...	...
System Magazine	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Theological Studies, Journal of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Theology and Philosophy, Review of	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Theosophical Path	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Theosophist, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Thistle, The	1	1	...	1	1	...	...
Transactions and Proceedings of Japan Society	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. of Royal Socieiy of Canada	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Universal Patents Bureau	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*University Correspondent	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vanity Fair	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Valcan, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*War and Peace	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Warrant Officers' Naval Journal	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Watch Tower	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Watsonian, The	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Weldon's Journal of Costumes	1	1	...	...	1	...	...
Weldon's Ladies' Journal	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
Wide World Magazine	1	1	1	1	...	1	...

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*Wireless World	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Woman at Home	1	1	1	1	1	...	...
Wood Worker and Art Metal Worker	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
World's Work	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yorkshire Archæological Journal	1	...	...	...	...	..	...
Young England	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Young Man	1	1	...	1	1	1	1
Young Woman	1	1	...	1	1	1	...
Zoologist	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Zoophilist	1	...	...	...	...	...	...

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RAILWAY TIME-TABLES.

Bradshaw.
Caledonian.
Glasgow & South-Western.
Great Central.
Great Eastern.
Great Northern.
Great Western.
Highland.
Hull & Barnsley.
London & North-Western.
London & South-Western.
Macdonald's.
Midland.
North British.
North-Eastern.
Continental Bradshaw (two per year).

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